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Electric Cities of Alabama Welcomes New Executive Director

Working in the halls of Congress since 2003, Jonathan A. Hand has a proven knowledge of the legislative process on both the federal and state levels.

Having worked for Congressman Jo Bonner as a senior legislative assistant, Hand worked directly with the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Resources to enact the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (Public Law 109-432) resulting in energy royalties for the state of Alabama in the multi-millions of dollars. In addition, Hand has been a leader for the state of Alabama in the ongoing federal water war negotiations with the states of Florida and Georgia.

Hand has a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Marketing from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama. Today, he continues to focus on federal and state energy utility legislation as the executive director for the Electric Cities of Alabama, representing approximately one million consumers in 36 cities across the state of Alabama. Hand is also executive director of the Alabama Public Utilities Alliance, an organization for municipally-owned natural gas and water utilities and to natural gas districts throughout Alabama. In 2009, Hand moved back to his home state of Alabama where he lives with his wife, the former Elizabeth Clay Currey of Selma. The Hands make their home in Montgomery, Alabama.



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***ECA Thanks Assoc. Member
Joe Thornton/Utility Specialists, Inc. For His
Support in 2009!***

***ECA Welcomes New Associate Member
Pam Moore
Moore Syndication, Inc.***

Washington Legislative Conference

February 22-25, 2010

Mayflower Hotel

Plans On The Hill

Electric Cities registration forms, as well as a tentative schedule, have been mailed to all Board of Directors and placed on the ECA Web site for easy downloading. If you need additional forms, please email Jennifer Hancock at jhancock@electriccities.org. Also, if you have registered and must cancel, please notify Jennifer before you cancel your room so that we can move as many ECA members as possible into the hotel. Remember, if you plan to attend any APPA functions, you must also register directly with APPA.

Who Should Attend

- * Utility Managers
- * Mayors
- * City Council Members
- * Utility Board Members
- * Key Utility Staff

Tentative Schedule

Monday, Feb. 22	5:30 APPA Welcoming Reception
Tuesday, Feb. 23	4:00 ECA Legislative Briefing
Wednesday, Feb. 24	7:30 APPA Rally Breakfast 10:00 Sen. Richard Shelby 11:30 Sen. Jeff Sessions 12:00 Lunch 1:00 Cong. Mike Rogers 2:00 Cong. Parker Griffith 3:00 Cong. Bobby Bright 4:00 Cong. Jo Bonner 4:45 Cong. Spencer Bachus 7:00 ECA Dinner Sam and Harry's
Thursday, Feb. 25	10:00 Cong. Robert Aderholt 1:00 Cong. Artur Davis



2010 Legislative Rally

February 22–February 25, 2010
The Mayflower Hotel Washington, DC

Each year, APPA's Legislative Rally attracts approximately 700 utility managers, board members and locally-elected officials from public power communities across the U.S. to shape the Association's legislative priorities and communicate the value of public power to Members of Congress.

Once again, this premier public power event is being held at the venerable Mayflower Hotel. Don't miss this opportunity to impact public power's legislative policy—register today!

For more information, including the registration form and hotel information, go to the "Events Calendar" online at www.APPAnet.org or contact the Jacqueline Williams in the meetings department (202/467-2965; jwilliams@APPAnet.org). For additional program details please contact Joy Ditto at 202/467-2954; jditto@APPAnet.org.



**MONTGOMERY LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING
AND APPRECIATION RECEPTION
February 2, 2010**

The Electric Cities of Alabama Appreciation Reception for the Alabama Legislature, Constitutional Officers and the Judiciary is scheduled for February 2, 2010 in Montgomery.

The Alabama Legislature will begin the 2010 regular session on January 12th, 2010.

Electric Cities utility managers, mayors, city council and utility board members are invited and encouraged to attend this event.

Tentative Schedule of Events

2:00	Board of Directors Meeting
4:00	Legislative Briefing
5:30-7:00	Legislative Appreciation Reception

A direct link is available on our Web site www.electriccities.org. Please make every effort to participate in the activities as we communicate with members of the Alabama Legislature. While registration forms were mailed to board members, please feel free to contact ECA if you need additional registration forms.

House Reports Busy Week, Senate Locks Down

We had a very productive week," House Speaker Seth Hammett told reporters after lawmakers finished the first full week of work in Montgomery.

The House passed several measures including bills that would ban money transfers between political action committees, ban text messaging while driving, create a commission to oversee the Department of Transportation, and give subpoena power to the Alabama Ethics Commission.

The Senate locked down two days over a bill that would allow voters to decide if they want to take \$1 billion over 10 years from the Alabama Trust Fund to pay for road and bridge projects. Republicans are filibustering the bill, but Democrats believe they have enough votes to pass it and expect action Tuesday.

Hammett said he was not sure if there was enough support to pass the bill in the House.

Hammett, D-Andalusia, said he has increased concerns about the proposed budget sent to legislators by Gov. Bob Riley after a Republican victory for a U.S. Senate seat in Massachusetts.

"People do not have an appetite for more spending," Hammett said.

He said Riley is expecting a second stimulus from Washington and used those anticipated numbers to balance the budget and to keep from making cuts.

Riley said he has talked to members of Congress who expect the legislation, which the House already passed, to be passed by the Senate.

Without 60 votes in the Senate, people are uncertain whether health care reform or other Democratic initiatives will pass.

Republicans are not supportive of the stimulus or health care reform measures proposed by Democrats.

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*CALENDAR
2010*



February 2, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting and
Montgomery Legislative Briefing &
Appreciation Reception
RSA Plaza Terrace
Montgomery, AL

February 22-25, 2010

Washington Legislative Conference
(In conjunction with APPA Rally)
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, DC

July 19-21, 2010

Annual Meeting
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, AL

July 21, 2010

Annual Business Meeting
Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, AL

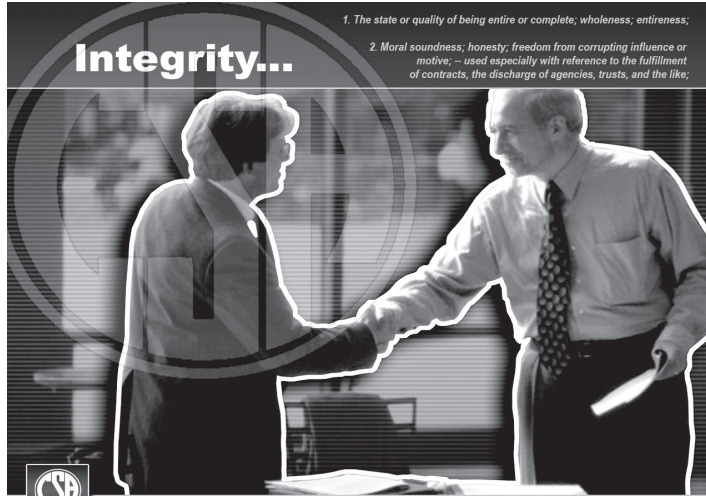
September 8-10, 2010

Engineering & Operations Conference
Marriott Grandview Hotel
Birmingham, AL

**December Holiday Luncheon
TBD**

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COALITION OF THE STATE'S MUNICIPALLY OWNED AND OPERATED ELECTRIC
SYSTEMS. ALABAMA'S ELECTRIC CITIES SERVE APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION
CONSUMERS IN 36 CITIES THROUGHOUT ALABAMA.**

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Integrity...

1. The state or quality of being entire or complete; wholeness; entireness;
2. Moral soundness; honesty; freedom from corrupting influence or
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**January Spotlight
Associate Member**

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**February Spotlight
Moore Syndication, Inc.**