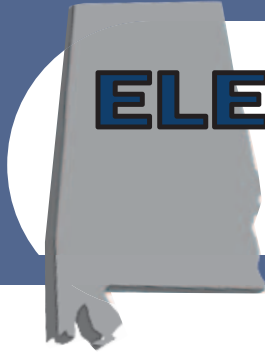


# ELECTRIC CITIES *Connected*



## An Electric Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference

The 2010 Electric Cities of Alabama’s (ECA) Annual Meeting and Governmental Affairs Conference was a tremendous success due to strong member support and an electric lineup of speakers. From a sand sculpting contest on the beach, to a Gubernatorial Forum with Dr. Robert Bentley and Commissioner Ron Sparks, there was something for everyone to enjoy during this years conference.



**Dr. Robert Bentley & Commissioner Ron Sparks**

This year’s outstanding speakers included Tom Kilgore, President & CEO of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Perry Roquemore, Executive Director of the Alabama League of Municipalities, Mark Crisson, American Public Power Association President & CEO and Wendell Cauley, Legal Counsel to ECA.

The conference kicked off with an opening reception sponsored by TVA to honor Alabama’s Lieutenant Governor Jim Folsom, Jr. During this reception, ECA presented Governor Folsom with the Distinguished Service Award, one of ECA’s most prestigious awards.

ECA also hosted the first Gubernatorial Forum between Dr. Robert Bentley and Commissioner Ron Sparks just a few days after the July primary runoff. Both candidates answered questions by ECA’s Executive Director, Jonathan Hand, ranging from potential impacts of cap and trade legislation to budget shortfalls in the Education Trust Fund and General Fund.



**Chairman Mark Ennis, Lt. Gov. Jim Folsom, Jr. and ECA’s Exc. Director Jonathan Hand**

During the Annual Dinner, hosted by the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority, ECA honored Senator Arthur Orr and Representative Marcel Black with the Outstanding Legislator Award. Mike Dugger, of Riviera Utilities, received ECA’s Public Service Award. Afterwards, attendees enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by The WannaBeatles.

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# 2010 Engineering and Operations Conference

Work is well underway on ECA's Annual Engineering and Operations Conference, scheduled for October 27-29, at Birmingham's Marriott Grandview Hotel. Attendees will enjoy a terrific lineup of speakers, visit with ECA Corporate and Associate members, as well as touring the James H. Miller Power Generating Plant.

## Registration:

Attendance is limited to personnel from ECA members, including all ECA Corporate and Associate Members, Electric Cooperatives, Alabama Municipal Electric Authority, Alabama Power Company, PowerSouth Energy and Tennessee Valley Authority. The 2010 Engineering and Operations Conference fee is \$195.00 per person. Registration information is available on the ECA website at [www.electriccities.org](http://www.electriccities.org).

## Hotel Reservations:

The discounted room block at the Marriott Grandview is filling up rapidly. Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible by calling (888) 426-5171. The deadline for reserving a room is October 13. Rooms booked after the deadline will be reserved at the hotel's best available rate. Please use ECA booking ID code: **ECAECAA** when making your reservation.

## Golf Outing:

ECA has scheduled a golf outing for Wednesday, October 27, at Ballantrae Golf Club in Pelham, Alabama. Tee time will begin at 11:00 A.M. with a box lunch served at noon. Cost per person is \$75.00 per golfer.

## Electric Cities of Alabama Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Friday, October 29

Time: 10:00 – 11:00

Location: Marriott Grandview Hotel,  
Birmingham, Alabama

This meeting will convene immediately following the adjournment of the E&O Conference.



Golf outing at ECA's 2010 Annual Conference

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## ECA Trivia Grid

**Which public power utility serves the most customers?**

**Be the first to email the correct answer to Debbie Williams at [dwilliams@electriccities.org](mailto:dwilliams@electriccities.org) and win a \$25.00 gift card. Good Luck!**



## Bright Lends a Helping Hand

In a recent letter from Congressman Bobby Bright (AL-2) to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu, Bright shared his support for Alabama customers who rely on electricity produced from hydroelectric power generated at the Corps of Engineers Russell Dam in Georgia. As you may know, the Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA) has been debating whether or not to include roughly \$340 million in disputed costs in rates for the sale of energy and capacity. These disputed costs relate to litigation commenced over two decades ago in connection with the installation of four reversible pumped storage generation units.

“Bright’s letter was instrumental in the department’s decision to deny the Corps plan to bill customers \$340 million in interests. SEPA is generally obligated to pass through the costs assigned by the Corps for power and if SEPA had agreed to do so, it would have meant a large rate increase” said Chris Eckl, legislative affairs specialists for

Schiff Hardin LLP. The Secretary agreed with Bright’s position and recently signed the Russell rate package without the additional costs.

“I am proud to have been an effective advocate for Electric Cities of Alabama and my constituents whom they serve. This proposed rate increase could have triggered a 30% increase in electricity costs for my constituents, and I applaud the Department of Energy’s (DOE) decision to exclude the disputed costs in their final proposal. I am hopeful that the review process will be completed in a timely manner and that FERC will accept DOE’s decision,” Congressman Bright said.

Thank you to Congressman Bright and his staff for intervening with Secretary Chu to correct what could have been a major injustice for Alabama.

### ECA’s 2010 Annual Meeting & Governmental Affairs Conference Snapshots Orange Beach, Alabama





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Birmingham, AL

**New Executive Committee**  
ECA is proud to announce the  
2010 – 2011 Exec. Committee:

- Chairman:**  
Richard Morrissey, Florence  
Electricity Department
- Vice-Chairman:**  
Mike Dugger, Riviera Utilities
- Secretary/Treasurer:**  
Allen Hughes, Sheffield Utilities  
Scott Sligh, Fairhope Public  
Utilities  
Rickey Thomas, Muscle Shoals  
Electric Board  
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