

STAYING current

Plant Washington The proposed coal plant near Sandersville has received an 18-month extension from the state as the developers seek a state air quality permit.

MEAG Power Fitch Ratings recently affirmed the ratings on our senior and subordinated debt outstanding at an A+ level with the exception of the Project P debt, which was reaffirmed at an A- level.

Plant Scherer Lawsuits on behalf of some Monroe County residents asserting a variety of environmental tort claims have been dismissed.

FERC Chairman Cheryl LaFleur stated that she believes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants will have significant consequences for resource choices in the U.S. She went on to say that "it seems to me it is getting harder and harder to build anything anywhere."

Plant Hatch The facility celebrated 40 years of safe and reliable operation, providing clean and affordable nuclear energy to thousands of Georgia homes and businesses.

Waters of the U.S. Rule A large group of Senators is pressing the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the proposed Waters of the U.S. Rule, which would expand both agencies' jurisdiction over waters regulated under the Clean Water Act. In September, the House of Representatives passed a bill that would block the proposed rule.

Cross State Air Pollution Rule The D.C. Court of Appeals has lifted the stay on the EPA Cross State Air Pollution Rule that impacts 28 states including Georgia. Compliance options begin in 2015.

Water Wars The U.S. Supreme Court will hear Florida's complaint that "Metro Atlanta's" suburbs are draining dry the river flow that feeds oyster beds and fisheries of the northern Gulf Coast.

Be PREPARED

Solar energy advocates are becoming more and more active, encouraging those in your utility area to install solar panels to supplement their energy use, and in some cases, sell that energy back to your community. It is important that you have the right rate schedule in place concerning such solar energy. If you do not as yet have a solar energy rate schedule, it would be prudent to address this situation as quickly as possible.

MORE ON THE MOVE



Plant Vogtle Unit 3: CA-04 and CA-05 inside the containment vessel.

Steve Jackson, MEAG Power Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, continues to keep us up-to-date on the Plant Vogtle expansion.

current: Tell us about the latest milestones.

Jackson: In October we saw the successful placement of CA-05 and the lower ring into the Unit 3 nuclear island. Standing 51 feet tall and weighing approximately 950 tons, the lower ring is one of the largest lifts of the project. A time-lapse video of this milestone can be viewed on Georgia Power's YouTube site.

current: Where are we on training the plant staff?

Jackson: Along with the plant operators, we are also training instrument control technicians; they are learning the latest digital technology that will control the plant's functions. Using Ovation technology, many of the plant's operations will be able to be controlled from a desktop. It takes three years from start to graduation before these technicians are qualified for their jobs.

current: Where is the fuel for the new units being fabricated?

Jackson: The Westinghouse plant that prepares the nuclear fuel and assemblies is in South Carolina. The process is very complex and includes many steps. It starts with a slurry product, which is then made into a powder that is blended to specific enrichment levels and then pressed into pellets, which are loaded into the fuel rods. This plant has produced over 51,000 nuclear fuel assemblies for distribution worldwide, including fuel for Vogtle Units 1&2.

NERC SPEAKS UP

Reports on Issues Surrounding the EPA's Clean Power Plan for Existing Plants

The North American Energy Reliability Corporation (NERC) has released a reliability assessment review of the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to limit CO2 emissions from existing generation facilities. The assessment notes several concerns including NERC's belief that there is a lack of infrastructure to support expanded renewable energy transmission and states "increased dependence on renewable energy generation will require additional transmission to access areas that have higher-grade wind and solar resources (generally located in remote areas). Increased natural gas use will require pipeline expansion to maintain a reliable source of fuel, particularly during the peak heating season."

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College Park The city approved a \$35 million mixed-use development project that would take shape near the city's MARTA station.

Fort Valley Blue Bird is expected to go public, and its stock will be traded on the NASDAQ exchange.

Marietta The city ranks #6 on the Top Ten City-to-City Relocations list, according to data from a national moving firm.

Newnan Massive plans are on the drawing board for a 1,000-acre industrial development project near the Newnan-Coweta County Airport.

West Point A new 80-unit apartment complex is being planned by the DASH Neighborhood Rehabilitation organization and will provide the city with much-needed affordable housing.

2015 MAKE A NOTE

MEAG Power Board Meetings

January 15
February 19
March 19

MEET YOUR *colleagues*



Charlie (Bub) Denham
Chairman, Crisp County
Power Commission

Denham is in his fifteenth year serving Crisp County through its power commission, which is a seven-member board. The Commission was created by the State of Georgia in 1925, when local leadership sought to build a dam on the Flint River for the "agricultural, industrial and civic interests" of the community.

Over a period of time, the demand for power exceeded the amount available from the hydroelectric facility, and in 1957, the Commission constructed one of the very first combined cycle facilities. By 1975, additional capacity was needed and the Crisp County Power Commission became one of the founding members of MEAG Power. Today the Crisp County Power Commission serves approximately 330 square miles.

What was your road to Commission Chairman?

I am a Georgia native and I came to Crisp County for a career move that led me to a 25-year tenure with Marvail, a local HVAC equipment manufacturer. With a background in business and a concern for my community, I was asked to serve on the Industrial Development Council and then I was appointed to the Power Commission.

What do you like about your job?

The business of generating and distributing electricity is a complex one. I enjoy continuing to learn about the industry. I'm also proud of the economic development I've witnessed in Crisp County and look forward to seeing how the Commission will be a part of the new growth surrounding our inland port project.

What do you appreciate about the MEAG Power partnership?

MEAG Power has provided us with leadership and counsel as we look to our future electric needs. They provide a valuable service as well as wholesale electricity at a competitive rate.

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The report also goes on to caution that the called-for improvements may be difficult to achieve since many efficiencies in this area have already been completed and opportunities to do more economically may be lacking.

And perhaps most importantly, the NERC analysis cautions that "developing suitable replacement generation resources to maintain adequate reserve margins may represent a significant reliability challenge, given the constrained time period for implementation."

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