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.

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.”
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 Marvair, 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.”