

STAYING current

Solar Georgia House Bill 57, known as the “Solar Free-Market Financing Act of 2015,” allows customers, both commercial and residential, to lease rooftop solar equipment rather than having to make a one-time purchase. The bill limits the size of the installation based on peak demand. After approvals from the House and the Senate, the bill was signed by Governor Deal on May 12, 2015.

PSC The Georgia Public Service Commission voted against arguments by Carroll EMC while upholding those presented by Georgia Power Company. The EMC argued that allowing customer choice to be reopened when an industry changed ownership and had need of a greater load or manufactured a more sophisticated product would weaken the Grandfather Provision of the Territorial Act. Georgia Power argued that it did not. MEAG Power appeared with the EMC and submitted a brief supporting the EMC. An appeal has been filed by Carroll EMC.

Google The company announced that it will lay out ultra-high-speed broadband service in nine metro Atlanta areas, including MEAG Power Participants College Park and East Point.

Transmission Reliability Monthly reports on the reliability of our transmission system are now available. In 2014, breaker operating reliability was 99.7 percent and outage minutes in 2014 were 28.5 percent less than in 2013, with the biggest contributor to lost minutes being equipment failure. Proactive measures are being taken to improve the reliability of equipment, including adding new monitoring devices and improving our preventive maintenance plans.

Colectric Partners As a consequence of the changes in the utility market, both for O&M services and in the need for new generation, MEAG Power and the other owners of Colectric Partners have decided to cease operation of the business. MEAG Power received many benefits from its participation in Colectric, especially with our combined cycle (CC) construction and management of the CC parts and services. However, none of the members are currently working on new generation, and the market for the higher-cost CC parts has changed. The suppliers have adopted parts management on a larger scale than Colectric and can provide us the benefit directly.

New Rail Delivery Contracts Recently completed rail contract negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway for service to Plant Wansley will result in lower delivered fuel cost for the units. Lower fuel cost not only provides cost savings to the Participants, but also makes Plant Wansley more competitive in the electric market. This, in turn, may create a win-win result for the railroad and for coal suppliers if improved price competition increases Plant Wansley’s coal consumption.

RETAIL PRICING ON THE MOVE



Steve Jackson, MEAG Power Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, discusses the MEAG Power program developed to help Participants compete for new retail loads.

current: Tell us about this program.

Jackson: Over the years, MEAG Power has assisted the Participants with pricing information, such as the hourly market price, in order to support retail pricing programs. To support the needs of the current retail market, we have added two more pricing approaches to this effort – an annual fixed price and a day-ahead incremental price.

current: How is the pricing information used?

Jackson: When a Participant is discussing service with a prospective retail customer, the Participant has the information needed to quote multiple incentive rate-pricing options: hourly market, fixed price or day-ahead incremental. If the customer load is won, then MEAG Power will provide the ongoing pricing information to support billing the customer. These pricing approaches can also be used to price an inter-Participant agreement for the Participant to acquire additional resources to serve a new retail load.

current: Please explain day-ahead incremental pricing.

Jackson: We base the price on the cost of generating the first megawatt after native load. That price reflects a generation unit-based cost before any off-system sales and considers the cost of prescheduled purchases. It is not based on the price in the wholesale market, but it is representative of the price offered by MEAG Power to The Energy Authority (TEA) for selling into the wholesale market.

current: Where can Participants find this information?

Jackson: The Power Supply tab in the Participant portal is the source for this pricing information. Market prices are provided under the heading *Market Prices* and the fixed price and day-ahead incremental prices are found under the *Excess Power Pool* heading. Day-ahead incremental pricing will be posted by 4:00 p.m. EST on the day ahead and will show the next-day 24-hour prices. The annual fixed prices are updated each quarter based on the current market conditions.

Our Delegation in Washington

A delegation representing MEAG Power at the American Public Power Association Legislative Rally included Board Members Mayor Bill Yearta, Mayor Keith Brady, Mayor Larry Guest, Mayor Greg Thompson and Mayor Steve Tumlin. Armed with detailed briefs and talking points, they took every opportunity to let members of Congress, their aides and government agency staffers know where MEAG Power and its Participants stand on important issues such as Production Tax Credits, cyber and physical security issues, carbon emission regulations and more. There was also the opportunity to share ideas and concerns with other public power personnel.

Albany WebstaurantStore, an e-commerce brand that sells restaurant equipment, will invest \$10 million into a distribution and fulfillment center in Albany.

Fitzgerald Choice Wood Inc., the city's newest industry, is leasing one of Fitzgerald and Ben Hill County Development Authority's industrial sites with an option to purchase.

Griffin The city was recognized for its care and management of public trees and named a "Tree City USA" community.

Jackson The Downtown Development Authority of Jackson is launching a façade grant program to encourage downtown businesses to improve their curb appeal and to create a stronger economic engine.

LaGrange THINC College and Career Academy broke ground for its new facility at West Georgia Technical College. Also, Caterpillar is planning a \$25 million expansion at its LaGrange Caterpillar Forest Products plant.

Newnan The city's new University of West Georgia campus is nearing completion.

Oxford Arbor Day festivities this year were a consolidated event between the city and Oxford College as everyone celebrated a community known for its canopy and long history of care for its urban forest.

2015 MAKE A NOTE

MEAG Power Board Meetings

May 21

MEAG Power Annual Meeting

July 13-15

MEET YOUR *colleagues*



Drew Ferguson
Mayor
City of West Point

Drew Ferguson IV is in his eighth year of leading the city. He has a dental practice in West Point and has followed his father's legacy of community service. Drew was on the team that recruited Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. to the city.

Why did you run for mayor?

My decision to run for mayor came out of a desire to serve the community at a time of great opportunity; we landed a huge economic development project. Kia Motors, the car manufacturer, had decided to build its manufacturing plant in West Point. This success was a jumping-off point for further success in community redevelopment.

What's the best part of being mayor?

The best part of being mayor is watching and contributing to the human transformation occurring within our citizenry as economic development takes hold. For many people in our community, their lives have improved. From small-business owners to manufacturing new hires, prosperity has dialed forward.

My inspiration for leadership comes from my core faith and beliefs. It drives a lot of how I operate. I believe that listening is a fundamental part of what I must do to craft creative solutions in West Point.

What do you appreciate about the MEAG Power partnership?

MEAG Power is a partner in West Point's success. Electric revenues foster the redevelopment efforts in our city. We provide a better level of service and leverage our assets to make viable improvements for families here. We are glad to be in the MEAG Power family and glad to be able to provide reliable, competitive electricity to our citizens and businesses.

Elberton GOES TO THE MOVIES!

Thanks to the dogged determination of so many in Elberton, a dream has come true, and first-run movies are now showing at the historic Elbert Theatre. The theatre was renovated by the city years ago and was primarily used for live performances by the local theatre group. To qualify for first-run movies, the city needed a booking agent to take care of all the red tape and a modern projection system to add to the existing sound and screen equipment. They also needed a space where the theatre group could rehearse so the Elbert Theatre stage would be freed up. Well, now all these "must-haves" and more have come together. "Paddington," starring Nicole Kidman, premiered on January 15.

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