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Upcoming Meetings

Is a meeting being held in your service area? Check with SEE for host company specials!

Claims Section

CLE credits offered for attorneys!
(April 6-8, Williamsburg)

Mutual Assistance

(April 15-17, Pensacola)

Joint Use Committee

(April 22-24, Williamsburg)

Power Quality & Reliability Cmte.

(April 22-24, Houston)

Underground Dist. Cmte. with O&M

(April 28-30, Houston)

Network

Underground Cmte.

(April 28-29, Annapolis)

Rates & Regulation

(Apr 29-May 1, Annapolis)

Announcing Top Safety Performers for 2008

Did you know that S.E.E. has been keeping track of safety statistics for over 30 years! Members submit their safety stats to S.E.E. on a quarterly basis, using a reporting form based on the OSHA 300A form. Executive Director, Jim Collins, collects, records, calculates and reports the stats each quarter and does a final Annual report. Based on the results of this annual report, S.E.E. recognizes the companies that achieve safety performance goals in both Fleet Safety and Personnel Safety.

And the top safety performers of 2008 are...

Achieving the Fleet Safety Performance Goal

*American Electric Power
South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.*

Award given to companies achieving the Vehicle Accident Frequency Rate, a measure of the number of accidents per mile driven.

Achieving the 2008 Incidence Rate Goal

*Dominion
Duke Energy Carolinas
Mississippi Power Company*

Award given to companies achieving the annual Total Company OSHA Case Rate Goal set by the Accident Prevention Section. Goal is a measure of the total number of injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers, calculated by total hours worked.

Top Performance - Total Company

Mississippi Power Company

Top Performance - Fossil & Hydro Generation

Mississippi Power Company

Top performance - Nuclear Generation

Dominion

Top Performance - Transmission & Distribution

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

Recognition for "Top Performance" goes to the company achieving best (lowest) OSHA Recordable Case Rate in each group.

We congratulate these companies for their excellent commitment to safety over the long term, and we look forward to honoring company representatives at both the upcoming Accident Prevention Section meeting and 2009 Annual Conference.

S.E.E. Utilities Recover from Winter Storms



This photo submitted by David Guy of EON-US says it all when it comes to describing what our member companies have been dealing with as severe winter storms raged through their service territories during January and February. EON-US, AEP, Entergy and Duke Energy's midwest territory were hit especially hard. Allegheny Energy, OGE, TNMP and others also dealt with damage and outages from tornados, icing and high winds. As always, the S.E.E. Mutual Assistance Committee pulled together via conference calls to offer resources to support the companies requesting help. Were there lessons

learned from these winter storms? You betcha! – that's how we grow. Discussions of these lessons are a highlight of the Mutual Assistance Committee meetings.

Overhead Dist. with Methods & Procedures
(May 6-8, Tampa, FL)

Accident Prevention
(May 13-15, Destin, FL)

Metering Committee
(May 18-20, Destin, FL)

Click on [Calendar](#) for a complete list of 2009 Meetings.

Sponsors and Exhibitors show their support for Annual Conference ...

[Link: 2009 Sponsors](#)
New sponsors have been added! View our sponsor lineup from the above link. S.E.E. partners with these companies to help keep your registration costs lower than industry standard and ensure you an enjoyable conference experience. Click on sponsor logos to learn more about each one.

[Link: 2009 Tradeshow](#)
The S.E.E. Tradeshow is a valuable resource for our members. Exhibitors promote new products and services that help streamline your work. You can learn a lot by visiting their booths. Plan your tradeshow route early.

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Spotlight on IRP Task Force



The **Integrated Resource Planning Task Force** is S.E.E.'s newest working group. With the country's increased attention on renewable energy sources, IOU's are tasked with responding to changing mandates and regulatory activity in this area. Company personnel with IRP responsibilities are seeking quality information, a platform for benchmarking and a forum for networking with peers. S.E.E. formed the IRP Task Force in early 2008 to meet these needs. We held the third meeting of this Task Force in Tampa earlier this month and the turnout was great with reps from 12 different member utilities.

Topics included updates on environmental, nuclear, and renewables, Duke's Vision 2030 Project, DSM goal-setting in Florida, and outlook for RECS. The presentations are available on the S.E.E. IRP webpage. Look for it at <http://www.theexchange.org/committees.html>

S.E.E. Annual Conference - Breakout Sessions & Extras!

Last month we told you about a few of the highlights of this annual event, like the GE golf tournament, key speakers at the General Session, the Trade Show and networking opportunities.

This month, let me fill you in on Thursday and Friday's breakout sessions. There are twelve concurrent session tracks, and they truly are the meat of this conference. While most attendees support one particular session, they are free to attend presentations of interest in any session.



June 10-12, 2009
Omni CNN Center

Engineering Breakouts include **Distribution, Environmental, Production (incl joint sessions), NESC, Real Estate & Right of Way, Substations, Supply Chain, Transmission Line, Transportation/Fleet.**

Finance/Accounting groups will hold general sessions on Thursday & Friday mornings, with breakouts for **Accounting & Finance, Customer Service & Billing and Property Accounting on Thursday afternoon.**



Speaking of presentations – there will be over 100 speakers during the 3-day event! All of them prepared to provide detailed coverage of their topics. Take a look at the programs for yourself by clicking on the links to session agendas on the main conference schedule at <http://www.theexchange.org/conferenceagenda.html>.

In addition, there is some really cool stuff starting on Wednesday morning ...

We've scheduled a special workshop for members in the finance and accounting fields... **"Electricity 101 – Engineering for Accountants."** We are pleased to have Dr. Larry Monroe from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, as the leader of this session.

The Real Estate and Right of Way Section will begin on Wednesday at 10 AM with a focused roundtable session. They added the roundtable session last year and it was such a big hit, they decided to try it again.

Substation and Transmission Line personnel can sign up (in advance) for an all-expense paid guided factory tour of Southern States LLC, a manufacturer of hi-voltage switches and SF6 products.

If you're not busy attending the above functions, get to the Trade Show early and visit some of the 81 booths. Sandwiches will be served inside the trade show prior to start of the General Session at 1:00 PM.

This promises to be a great conference that you will not want to miss. For details, go to <http://www.theexchange.org/conference.html> **Register before rates increase on March 1.**