

News Release



**Electric Cooperatives
of Arkansas**

AECC's Renewable Energy Efforts Recognized by Research Group

Little Rock, Ark. — April 7, 2011 — Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) recently was recognized by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) for its efforts to develop additional renewable energy options. AECC was one of 10 companies worldwide to receive the award.

AECC employees Curtis Warner, David Harris, Steve Metcalf, Steve Sharp, Brent Carr and Sherita Smith received an EPRI Generation Technology Transfer Award for strategic renewable portfolio development using renewable energy technology guide data.

EPRI annually recognizes generation industry professionals who have led technology transfer efforts on behalf of their companies and the industry at large. "This commitment to technical excellence and collaboration demonstrated is what enables the generation industry to drive continuous performance improvement," said Tom Alley, vice president, generation, for EPRI.

According to Alley, 12 Technology Transfer awards were selected after a rigorous review process, recognizing 35 recipients across 10 member companies worldwide. An extensive review was conducted by the EPRI generation sector vice president, the program directors, and a key group of marketing staff. Then, the Generation Council Technology Transfer Committee aided the final selection process by providing valuable industry-wide perspective.

"AECC works closely with EPRI to ensure that the generation and transmission cooperative is prepared for the future of our industry," said Jonathan Oliver, vice president of engineering, construction and operations for AECC. "The work of our employees is always superb as can be noted by this award."

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives; Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides various services to the distribution cooperatives; and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 500,000 members, or customers, in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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