


Summer power shortages not likely for WFEC

As soaring temperatures create power outages in some parts of the country due to the high electrical demand, West Florida Electric Cooperative's consumers aren't likely to experience similar shortages. This summer's demand has been especially high, but WFEC's power supplier, Alabama Electric Cooperative, is able to meet its electric load requirements without complications.

Each year, AEC projects and prepares for the energy needs of the systems it serves, including WFEC. Based on historic data and other information, AEC devises plans for meeting its load requirements with generation from its own power plants or through purchase agreements with other utilities. Additionally, AEC ensures reliability by maintaining reserves in case generating plants have operational problems. In fact, AEC's reserve level currently is the highest in over a decade, according to the generation and transmission cooperative's vice president of bulk power and delivery, Jeff Parish.

Headquartered in Andalusia, Ala., AEC supplies wholesale electric service to 21 member systems, including WFEC, in 10 northwest Florida counties and 39 Alabama counties. It has generating facilities in Andalusia, Birmingham, Gantt, Leroy and McIntosh, Ala., and Walton County, Fla.

WFEC provides electricity and other services to more than 20,000 consumers in Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties. It is a consumer-owned, locally-operated Touchstone Energy cooperative. 

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