

# News Release

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**Arkansas Electric  
Cooperative Corporation**

## **Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation issues RFP to meet projected capacity and associated long-term energy needs**

**Little Rock, Ark.** – Sept. 14, 2010 – Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) announced today that the cooperative has issued a request for proposal (RFP) to secure additional generating capacity and associated energy needs for its members.

AECC will accept RFP responses through Oct. 14, 2010.

According to Ricky Bittle, vice president of planning, rates and dispatching for AECC, proposals must range between 50 megawatts (net) and 500 megawatts (net). The proposals must be for firm baseload or intermediate duty. Capacity should be available no later than June 1, 2015. Renewable resources should be 2 megawatts or greater.

“The RFP we are issuing is intended to allow AECC to meet the long-term capacity and energy requirements of our 17 member cooperatives,” he said.

Interested parties should contact Andrew Lachowsky, principal planning engineer for AECC, at [andrew.lachowsky@aecc.com](mailto:andrew.lachowsky@aecc.com) or 501.570.2435.

With total generation capacity of approximately 2,977 MW, AECC owns and operates three natural gas/oil-fired plants and owns portions of three coal-fired plants. It also owns and operates three hydroelectric generating stations on the Arkansas River, and three natural gas-fired combustion turbine plants.

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC), based in Little Rock, is a generation and transmission cooperatives with assets of approximately \$1.1 billion and annual energy revenues of approximately \$587 million. It provides wholesale electricity to Arkansas’ 17 electric distribution cooperatives. Those cooperatives also own AECC and are its members. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 500,000 members in Arkansas and surrounding states.

The RFP can be found at <http://www.aecc.com/rfp>.

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