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

Little Rock, Ark. – April 11, 2008 – 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 June 3, 2008.

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. Renewable resources should be 2 megawatts or greater.

“The RFP we are issuing is intended to allow AECC to meeting the long-term energy requirements of our 17 member cooperatives,” he said. “The cooperative forecasts a need for 50 megawatts by 2013, increasing approximately 90 megawatts each following year.”

With total generation capacity of 2,977 MW, AECC owns and operates three natural gas/oil-fired plants and owns or leases portions of three coal-fired plants. It also owns and operates three hydroelectric generating stations on the Arkansas River, and two 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 480,000 members in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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

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