

"How is South Carolina's largest power producer leading the way in going green?"



President and CEO Lonnie Carter receives an energy themed figurine depicting a light bulb and a gas flame from Tom Cave, President of the Southeastern Energy Society following his presentation at the April SEES meeting in Atlanta.

At the April Southeastern Energy Society (SEES) meeting the energy professionals came to learn more about Santee Cooper's Conservation & Renewable programs. Based on the questions following Mr. Carter's presentation, these professionals came away very impressed with Santee Cooper's programs. Mr. Carter's presentation covered such areas as: the Green Power Solar Schools project through which our education programs, Santee Cooper is helping South Carolina's future customers and business leaders understand the value of green approaches to clean power generation and the relationship it has with our environment -- "Knowledge is power.". The five methane gas landfill sites that form the basis of the Green Power program where customers can sign-up for an extra \$3 per100 KWH on their utility bill to support the program. A program where every penny from the sale of Green Power goes right back into developing renewable energy projects.

Santee Cooper is partnering with Coastal Carolina University and the South Carolina Energy Office as part of a joint study (Palmetto Wind Research Project) that is sharply focused on studying the feasibility of offshore wind farms. The principal focus now is a buoy initiative that places South Carolina among the leaders nationally in the arena of offshore wind research.

For this project and others, Mr. Carter emphasized that economic feasibility is of utmost priority and that he welcomes input from firms with projects that are economically feasible. It is one thing to want to go green and another is at what cost.

Mr. Carter's most powerful statement that we can make is leading by example - walking the talk, practicing what we preach. While we have a long history of being green - even before it was politically correct - we're becoming more and more so.

The energy professionals in attendance represented members from consulting firms (LEED and energy management firms); investment firms (Reznick Group & Wells Real Estate Funds); law firm (Alston & Bird) which represents municipal utilities and electric membership cooperatives; Georgia Power; Southern States Energy Board (SSEB); Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc., etc.



The President and CEO of MEAG Power came to the meeting and discussed with Mr. Carter their shared interest in procuring funding for the next generation of nuclear facilities for their customers.