

Corporate fact sheet



PowerSouth Energy Cooperative

serves the wholesale energy needs of 16 electric cooperatives and 4 municipal electric systems in Alabama and northwest Florida. PowerSouth's service territory spans 39 Alabama and 10 Florida counties.

Owned and governed by those it serves, PowerSouth provides reliable and economical energy to meet the needs of nearly a million consumers.

Quick Facts:

- PowerSouth employs 575 people at nine sites in Alabama and Florida.
- PowerSouth has assets of \$1.8 billion.
- With a combined generating capacity of more than 2,000 megawatts, PowerSouth utilizes a diverse generating mix of natural gas, coal, wind, landfill gas and hydroelectricity.
- PowerSouth's expansive network of transmission assets includes more than 2,200 miles of line and nearly 300 substations.
- PowerSouth is the 13th largest privately owned business in Alabama, with its corporate headquarters in Andalusia, Alabama. (According to *Business Alabama* magazine, based on 2014 sales.)

All information as of Dec. 31, 2015

Distribution members:

Baldwin EMC, Summerdale, AL
Central Alabama EC, Prattville, AL
CHELCO, DeFuniak Springs, FL
Clarke-Washington EMC, Jackson, AL
Coosa Valley EC, Talladega, AL
Covington EC, Andalusia, AL
Dixie EC, Union Springs, AL
Escambia River EC, Jay, FL
Gulf Coast EC, Wewahitchka, FL
Pea River EC, Ozark, AL
Pioneer EC, Greenville, AL
South Alabama EC, Troy, AL
Southern Pine EC, Brewton, AL
Tallapoosa River EC, LaFayette, AL
West Florida EC, Graceville, FL
Wiregrass EC, Hartford, AL
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The City of Brundidge, AL
Water Works & Electric Board of the City of Elba, AL
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PowerSouth Board of Trustees

PowerSouth is owned by its 20 distribution members, who govern and set policy through a 40-member board of trustees composed of two voting delegates from each distribution member. Members of the board of trustees serve on seven standing committees: Executive, Nominating, Corporate Planning and Power Supply, Marketing and Industrial Development, Engineering and Operations, Finance and Audit, and Member Relations and External Affairs.

PowerSouth's board committees:

- Executive
- Nominating
- Corporate Planning and Power Supply
- Marketing and Economic Development
- Engineering and Operations
- Finance and Audit
- Member Relations and Strategic Planning

PowerSouth Management Staff

The president and chief executive officer and his staff carry out PowerSouth's day-to-day management. PowerSouth has six operating divisions: Power Delivery; Power Supply; Financial Services; Legal & Corporate Affairs; and External Affairs.

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Generation:

CHARLES R. LOWMAN POWER PLANT

Located on the Tombigbee River near Leroy, Ala., the Charles R. Lowman Power Plant's generating capacity equals 551 megawatts. Commercial operation of Unit 1 began in 1969, Unit 2 was deemed commercial in 1979, and Unit 3 began operations in 1980.

Coal is the primary fuel source at Plant Lowman, with number 2 fuel oil used for start-up and flame stabilization. Coal is transported to the plant by rail and barge on the Tombigbee River.

The plant's three operating units are equipped with electrostatic precipitators, which preserve air quality by preventing particulate matter from entering the atmosphere. Units 2 and 3 are equipped with "scrubbers," a high-technology system designed to remove sulfur dioxide from emissions. A \$400 million Air Quality Control (AQC) project completed in 2009 further reduced sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury.

JAMES A. VANN JR. POWER PLANT

The James A. Vann Jr. Power Plant is adjacent to PowerSouth's McWilliams Power Plant in Gantt, Ala. Plant construction was completed in December 2001. It boasts a 595-megawatt capacity. Natural gas to fuel the plant is delivered through a 61-mile, 20-inch pipeline from Flomaton, Ala., to the plant site.

The Vann Power Plant was designed to incorporate the most environmentally-friendly equipment available to generate affordable electricity. The plant operates using a combined-cycle process of natural gas and steam generation.

MAURY A. MCWILLIAMS STEAM POWER PLANT

The McWilliams Power Plant is the first generating plant built by PowerSouth and a familiar landmark to travelers crossing the Conecuh River at Gantt on Highway 29, north of Andalusia, Ala.

Since the plant's first two units became operational in the mid-1950s, and the third unit in 1959, the plant is a reliable source of power to PowerSouth's distribution members. The plant's original 43 megawatts of capacity, combined with its reliability to generate energy during peak loads, has proven to be vital during weather extremes.

Having used the plant to its full life expectancy, PowerSouth repowered the plant during 1995 and 1996 to help meet future generation needs. Repowering included the installation of a natural gas-fired 107-megawatt combustion turbine-generator and a heat recovery system that recycles exhaust heat to create steam, which is used by the plant's three original generators to produce additional electricity. The repowered plant provides a 156-megawatt capacity.

Generation:

MCINTOSH POWER PLANT

PowerSouth's generating units at McIntosh, Ala., include the Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) Unit and four natural gas-fired combustion turbines, for a combined capacity of 798 megawatts.

Designated McIntosh unit 1, the CAES Unit was declared commercial May 31, 1991, and officially dedicated Sept. 27, 1991. It is the only plant of its kind in the United States, with the only other CAES plant in the world in Germany. The CAES Unit uses air, compressed and stored in a 19-million-cubic-foot underground cavern, in the generation process. During peak load periods, the stored air is released and mixed with natural gas in a combustion process to generate electricity. The plant uses off-peak electricity to pump air into the cavern and then uses the air in the generation process during peak periods.

In June 1998, two simple-cycle combustion turbines were constructed at the McIntosh site and designated McIntosh Units 2 and 3. McIntosh Units 4 and 5 were deemed commercial in January 2011.

POINT A AND GANTT HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS

The Point A and Gantt Hydroelectric Power Plants, PowerSouth's first generating resources, combine for a generating capacity of 8 megawatts and demonstrate an ability to provide a reliable source of capacity. Today, the plants are operated and monitored using modern technology and can be operated from on-site control rooms or a centralized control room at nearby McWilliams Power Plant.

The Gantt Hydroelectric Plant is in the town of Gantt, Ala., at the site of a former grist mill on the Conecuh River, and the Point A Hydroelectric Plant is about five miles downstream near the town of River Falls, Ala. The plants operate only when river levels allow an adequate supply of water to turn turbines.

JAMES H. MILLER JR. ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT

In June 1992, PowerSouth purchased an 8.16-percent ownership interest in units 1 and 2 of Alabama Power Company's James H. Miller Jr. Electric Generating Plant near Birmingham, Ala. PowerSouth receives 112 megawatts of coal-fired generation from the plant.

At full capacity, the plant can generate about 2.69 billion watts of electricity — enough to serve the needs of about 885,000 homes. Unit 1 became operational in 1978, Unit 2 in 1985, Unit 3 in 1989 and Unit 4 in 1991. Total generating capacity for the plant's four units is 2,664 megawatts.