

Municipal Power Transfer Is Completed

RALEIGH—Twenty-one municipal electric systems in eastern North Carolina began purchasing all their electric power at 12:01 A.M. Thursday of last week from N.C. Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA). The change in power suppliers is projected to save that group of cities nearly 8 per cent on power costs between now and the end of this year.

The non-profit, public power supply agency began providing power to the 21 "electric cities" in the Carolina Power & Light Co. (CP&L) service area after the initial closing Wednesday in New York of NCEMPA's purchase of ownership interests in seven CP&L generating units.

NCEMPA sold \$400-million in electric revenue bonds on April 1 to finance the initial closing. The Agency will issue an additional \$800-million in bonds and notes over the next 12 months to complete the closing of its purchase. To complete acquisition and construction of all units in the Agency project,

NCEMPA will issue an estimated total \$2.6-billion in electric revenue bonds and notes through the year 1993.

NCEMPA and CP&L signed contracts in July, 1981 enabling the Power Agency to purchase undivided ownership interests in the seven generating units, which include both coal-fired and nuclear units, and three units presently in commercial operation.

The Power Agency is acquiring undivided ownership interests ranging from about 13 to 18 per cent in Brunswick Units 1 and 2 (existing nuclear units) Roxboro Unit (existing coal-fired), Mayo Units 1 and 2 (coal-fired units under construction), and Harris Units 1 and 2 (nuclear units under construction). NCEMPA has employed CP&L as project manager and operator for the jointly owned facilities. The arrangement took more than 2 1/2 years to negotiate.

The 7.9 per cent projected reduction in power costs represents the savings the 21 cities should realize

through December 1982 as compared to the projected cost of the same amount of power purchased directly from CP&L at that company's wholesale rates.

The 21 municipalities in the CP&L service area receiving NCEMPA power are: Apex, Ayden, Benson, Clayton, Farmville, Fremont, Hookerton, Kinston, La Grange, Laurinburg, Louisburg, Lumberton, New Bern, Pikeville, Red Springs, Rocky Mount, Selma, Smithfield, Southport, Wake Forest and Wilson.

Since December 30, 1981, 11 municipalities in the Virginia Electric and Power Co. (Veeco) service area (including Edenton) have been purchasing NCEMPA power at an initial power-cost savings of about 3 per cent. The Agency has been supplying those cities with a blend of power purchased from CP&L and Veeco.

Upon completing the initial closing of its purchase of ownership interests in the CP&L generating units, NCEMPA lowered its bulk power rates to the municipalities it serves in the Veeco service area by an additional 2 per cent reflecting the Power Agency's lower-cost power from its project ownership.

NCEMPA is now supplying power to the project participants in the Veeco service area at a group savings projected to be 4.9 per cent through October, 1982. That saving is projected against the estimated cost of the same amount of power purchased directly from Veeco under that company's wholesale rates.

Power cost savings for NCEMPA participants in the Veeco service area are somewhat less than those for the Power Agency's participants in the CP&L service area because Veeco's power charges to NCEMPA are higher than CP&L's and because the Power Agency must pay Veeco a transmission fee for delivering power over its system to those cities.

The 11 municipalities in the Veeco service area receiving NCEMPA power are: Belhaven, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Greenville, Hamilton, Hertford, Hobgood, Robersonville, Scotland Neck, Tarboro and

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An engineering report prepared for the Agency estimates that over the next 20 years, the Agency's power costs will be 5.5 to 6 per cent lower than the cost of the same amount of power bought at wholesale from the private utilities. It projects cumulative monetary savings of \$1.1-billion over the life of the bonds.

NCEMPA is the second municipal power agency in North Carolina to

acquire an ownership interest in generating facilities owned and operated by a private utility.

In 1978, a N.C. Municipal Power Agency Number 1 (NCEMPA 1), composed of 19 municipal electric systems in Piedmont North Carolina, purchased a 75 per cent undivided ownership interest in Unit 2 at Catawba Nuclear Station, under construction by Duke Power Company on Lake Wylie, S.C.

Hawks Win Championship

The Creswell Hawks traveled to Lillington on April 17 to play for the Eastern Regional Medium Custody Basketball Championship and were victorious.

They defeated Scotland County in the semi-finals by a score of 48 to 44. Maurice Godette led all scorers with 20 points and Mark Bell contributed 13.

In the championship game they defeated Johnston

County by a score of 55 to 50. Maurice Godette led all scorers with 16 points and William Perkins added 10.

"Outstanding play was contributed from the starters as well as the bench. Both victories were a complete team effort. Many pressure free throws were made down the stretch to achieve both victories. We feel this was the biggest effort they have put forth

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Homecoming Day, May 2

Chappell Hill Baptist Church will celebrate their homecoming day on May 2. All members, former members, and friends and relatives are invited to come and share in the activities of the day.

Morning worship starts at 11 A.M., followed by an old-fashion "dinner on the grounds" at noon and then at 2:30 P.M., the annual Homecoming Singpiration will be held.

Rev. Wilbur Presson of Jerusalem, Israel, will be the speaker during the morning worship hour. Brother Presson is a CBN correspondent in Israel among his other varied activities. Mr. Presson's message will include things as they really are in the country of Israel at the present time.

The homecoming Singpiration will be blessed with outstanding gospel singing groups from the area including, the Baptist Four Quartet, Bagley's

Swamp Wesleyan Church, Ballad's Bridge Baptist Church, Happy Home Pentecostal Holiness Church, Hertford Baptist Church, Men's Choir, Hunter's Fork Pentecostal Church, Piney Woods Friends Church, Warwick Baptist Church and special music from the host church.

Rev. Billy Old, pastor of Chappell Hill Baptist Church, invites the interested public to come and share in these inspiring services and fellowship time. Chappell Hill Baptist Church is located on S.R. 1002, approximately 2 miles south of Belvidere toward Center Hill (Tyner).

AAMA Forms New Chapter

Albemarle Area Medical Assistants were recently represented in Charlotte at their convention by 20 chapter members. Those who were delegates to the Convention were: Grace Overton, LPN - CMA, president of the chapter; Barbara Biggs, president-elect; and Mildred Stanley, CMA, secretary.

At the Convention, the board voted for Edenton to

organize their own chapter of Medical Assistants. As of July, 1982, the Edenton members will leave the Albemarle Area Chapter and be known as the Edenton Chapter.



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