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### **FERC Approves AMEA Permit to Study Andrews Dam Hydro Project**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority's (AMEA) preliminary permit to study the feasibility of constructing a hydro-electric generating plant at the George W. Andrews Lock and Dam on the Chattahoochee River.

The project is estimated to generate 25 megawatts, according to Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. Clark said FERC approved the preliminary permit on Dec. 21, 2010. The permit allows for a 36-month period of study.

"AMEA has long been an innovator in exploring electric generation options so as to keep our generation costs as low as possible," Clark said. "We are committed to identifying electric generation options which provide our Members and their customers low-cost, reliable electric power. The Andrews Dam Hydro Project is a good environmental option worth studying."

AMEA, located in Montgomery, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, which serve some 350,000 customers in the cities of Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee.