WHO WE ARE

GENERATING POWER FOR GEORGIA’S EMCs

With more than $12 billion in assets, we’re among the nation’s largest power supply cooperatives and one of the primary energy producers in Georgia, generating power for 38 Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) and the approximate 4.1 million people they serve. A proponent of conscientious energy development and use, we balance reliable and affordable energy with environmental responsibility, and we have an outstanding record of regulatory compliance. Our diverse energy portfolio includes natural gas, hydroelectric, coal and nuclear generating plants, as well as purchased power, with a combined capacity, including the Smarr EMC-owned units, of nearly 7,800 megawatts. Oglethorpe Power is owned by our 38 Member EMCs.

OUR HISTORY

Before Oglethorpe Power

Beginning in the 1930s, rural communities in Georgia depended on local electric utilities for power. Initially, these utilities had no power resources of their own. In 1936, the Rural Electrification Administration was established, allowing these utilities to join together as Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) to purchase power.

Joining Forces

In 1974, Georgia’s EMCs joined together to start a power supply company: Oglethorpe Electric Membership Corporation (OEMC), later known as Oglethorpe Power Corporation. For the first time in Georgia, generation facilities and transmission lines were part of the cooperative model, improving reliability and helping to keep costs stable.

New Path Forward

As the energy industry changed, so did the structure of Oglethorpe Power. In 1997, Oglethorpe Power split into three companies: Oglethorpe Power for energy generation and asset management, Georgia Transmission for transmission infrastructure, and Georgia System Operations for monitoring and dispatch.

Today and Beyond

We continue to work hard to produce affordable, reliable power that Georgia’s EMCs distribute to millions of residents, businesses and other organizations across the state. Because we’re committed to producing power through a balanced and diverse portfolio of generating resources, our Member EMCs are well positioned for years to come.

VISION AND MISSION

VISION
To be valued and trusted, meeting the expectations of those we serve.

MISSION
To serve our Member EMCs with excellence and integrity, to maintain open and frequent communications with those Members, and to be good stewards of their investment in energy assets by providing clean, safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

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We rely on a large fleet of generating units to help meet the power needs of our Member EMCs. Currently, we own interests in 36 generating units, including 1,553 megawatts of coal-fired capacity, 3,473 megawatts of gas-fired capacity, 1,216 megawatts of nuclear-fueled capacity and 817 megawatts of pumped-storage hydroelectric capacity. In addition, we operate two combustion turbine facilities on behalf of Smart EMC, a corporation formed for the EMCs that owns the two facilities. The two plants — Smarr Energy Facility and Sewell Creek Energy Facility — have an aggregate capacity of approximately 732 megawatts. The total capacity of Oglethorpe Power’s diverse portfolio of resources is nearly 7,800 megawatts.*

*Total indicative Summer 2019 Planning Reserve Capacity