

News Release



**Electric Cooperatives
of Arkansas**

Lachowsky named vice president of planning, rates and market operations

Little Rock, Ark. — Sept. 2, 2014 — Andrew Lachowsky has been named as vice president of planning, rates and market operations for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC). He replaces Ricky Bittle, who will retire after more than 40 years with the cooperative.

“Andrew will direct AECC’s wholesale power planning process, rate analysis and market operations within the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. and Southwest Power Pool regional transmission organizations,” said Duane Highley, president/CEO for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. “He has been a valuable employee for more than 20 years and is uniquely qualified to help AECC continue to be one of the top generation and transmission cooperatives in the United States.”

Lachowsky joined AECC as assistant planning engineer in 1990 and has held several related positions since that time. He most recently served as director of planning and economic studies. A resident of Little Rock, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

“I look forward to my new role with AECC and will continue our efforts to provide reliable, affordable and responsible wholesale electric service to electric cooperative members throughout Arkansas,” Lachowsky said.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives; Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides services to the distribution cooperatives; and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 500,000 homes, farms and businesses in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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