



★ **Utilities State Government Organization** ★

From: Giff Ormes, 2013 President
Date: May 10, 2013
Re: 2013 Membership Application & Annual Meeting Registration

On behalf of the Utilities State Government Organization (USGO) Southern District, it is my pleasure to provide you with the opportunity to either join or renew your membership in USGO for 2013 and attend the 2013 Annual Meeting.

The 2013 Annual Meeting will take place **July 7-10** at the AAA Four Diamond beach resort in Point Clear, Alabama, the exquisite **Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa**, one of the most stunning hotels Coastal Alabama has to offer.

Please find below the 2013 Preliminary Meeting Agenda (for planning purposes), USGO Membership Form, and Annual Meeting Registration Form. ***Please process these today!***

By June 7th, please print, complete and mail the forms, along with a check payable to "Utilities State Government Organization," to:

**Giff Ormes, President, USGO
Mississippi Power Company
PO Box 4079
Gulfport, MS 39502-4079**

Also by June 7th, please make your hotel reservations at the Marriott Grand Hotel to ensure availability at the discounted USGO group rate of \$199/night, plus tax. **This is a firm deadline.**

To make your reservations, call 1-251-228-9290 and reference "USGO Conference" or simply use this link: Bayview Room **\$199.00** per night

[Book Bayview Room at Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa for \\$199.00 per night](#)

The Federal Tax ID number for USGO is 31-0949179.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. My office number is 228-865-5869.

We look forward to hosting you on the beautiful Gulf Coast!

**Giff Ormes
2013 President, USGO**



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USGO 2013 Annual Meeting **Marriott Grand Hotel & Spa** **Point Clear, Alabama**

Draft Agenda (as of May 10, 2013) **(For Planning Purposes Only)**

Saturday, July 6, 2013

3:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Board Dinner
4:00 – 6:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open

Sunday, July 7, 2013

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Optional Golf: <i>The Lakewood Golf Club – Dogwood Course (Tee times begin @ 9:30 AM)</i> <i>Pro Shop (251) 990-4279</i>
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Conference Registration
3:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Annual Board Meeting
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Opening Reception

Dinner on Your Own



Monday, July 8, 2013

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast Buffet for All Attendees

General Session

8:30 – 8:45

Opening Remarks

*Giff Ormes, 2013 President
Manager, Legislative Affairs, Mississippi Power*

8:45 – 9:15 AM

Mississippi Happenings

*The Honorable Jim Beckett, Miss House of Representatives
Chairman, House Public Utilities Committee*

*The Honorable Terry Burton, Mississippi Senate
Chairman, Senate Energy Committee*

9:15 – 10:00 AM

Billy Thornton, Vice President, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs

Kemper Lignite Integrated Gasification Combine Cycle Plant Briefing

10:00 – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 – 10:45 AM

Nuclear Update

*Mike McGarey
Director, State Outreach
Nuclear Energy Institute*

10:45 – 11:30 AM

State Legislative Reports – Southern District

11:30 – 11:45 AM

Announcements

1:00 - 5:30 PM

USGO Annual Golf Tournament: Lakewood Golf Club – Dogwood Course

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Cookout (*Dinner served 6:30 – 7:30 PM*)

9:00 – 11:00 PM

Hospitality Suite Open

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast Buffet for all Attendees

8:15 – 9:00 AM

Speaker (Gas Issues)



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9:00 – 10:00 AM	Daniel F. Ford, CFA <i>Electric Utilities Equity</i> <i>Barclays</i>
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Coal Update <i>Randy Eminger, Vice President, South Region</i> <i>American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity</i>
10:45 – 11:15 AM	State Legislative Reports – Northeast District
11:15 – 11:45 AM	State Legislative Reports – Midwest District
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Keynote Address <i>John Ashford, CEO</i> <i>Hawthorne Group, Washington DC</i>
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Update on State Legislative Conferences / Emerging Issues <i>Brian McCormack</i> <i>Vice President, Political and External Affairs</i> <i>Edison Electric Institute</i>
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Special Speaker <i>(To be announced)</i>
3:00– 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 – 4:15 PM	USGO Annual Business Meeting <i>-Treasurer's Report</i> <i>-USGO Membership Report</i> <i>-Election of New Officers</i> <i>-By-Law Updates</i>
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Reception
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Annual Banquet, Awards, Announcements – 2014 Meeting News
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Dancing – Entertainment by
11:00 – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Suite Open
<u>Wednesday, July 11, 2013</u>	
7:30 – 9:00 AM	Farewell Buffet Breakfast for all Attendees



HOTEL AMENITIES

- 2 daily shuttles to downtown Fairhope for shopping
- Complimentary horseshoes, croquet and bayside putting green
- Board games for use upon request
- Food for resident ducks
- Turndown service upon request
- Complimentary non-motorized beach rentals (kayaks, hobie cats and sail boats)
- Complimentary bike rentals
- Complimentary afternoon tea, coffee, cookies daily at 4:00pm
- Complimentary tennis court rental based on availability
- Complimentary range balls at the golf club
- Fishing poles and bait supplied for fishing from the Grand pier
- Daily Canon Firing to commemorate the Grand's military history 3:45 pm

City of Fairhope, AL Visitor's website

<http://www.cofairhope.com/pdf/FairhopeGuide2009.pdf>

Malbis, AL (Shopping – approximately 20 miles or 30 minutes)

<http://www.easternshorecentre.com>