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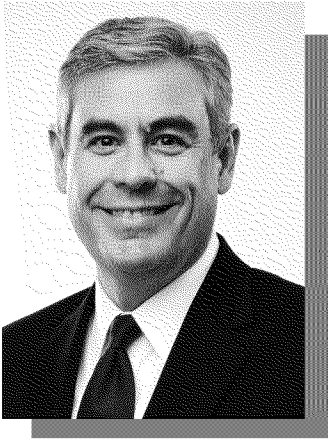
Sydney– attached are the bios for the attendees for the April 26 lunch we have tentatively scheduled. Can you let me know as soon as possible as to whether we can lock this in . The schedulers for the executives keep asking me so they can finalize their travel. I really truly appreciate it.

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**Mark Crosswhite**  
Chairman, President and CEO  
Alabama Power Company

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Mark Crosswhite is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Alabama Power Company, which provides electricity to

more than 1.4 million customers across the state.

Before taking the helm at Alabama Power, Crosswhite served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for Southern Company, Alabama Power's parent company. He was responsible for Southern Company's operations organization, which includes generation, transmission, engineering and construction services, system planning, research and environmental affairs, and fleet operations and trading. Crosswhite also was responsible for Southern Power, which provides energy to municipalities, electric cooperatives, and investor-owned utilities.

Crosswhite started at Southern Company in 2004 as senior vice president and general counsel for Southern Company Generation. Prior to that, he was a partner in the law firm of Balch & Bingham LLP in Birmingham, Ala., where he practiced in the Energy Section for 17 years.

In 2006 Crosswhite joined Alabama Power as senior vice president and counsel, where he oversaw the company's legal matters. In 2008 he was named executive vice president for External Affairs, where he directed regulatory affairs, economic and community development,

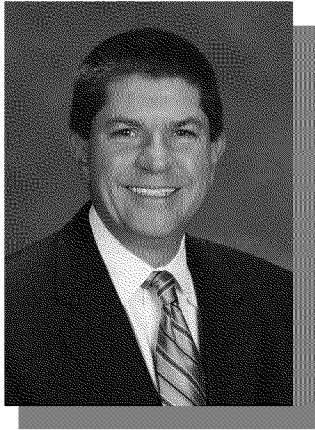
public relations, environmental affairs, and governmental affairs. In 2011 Crosswhite became president and chief executive officer of Gulf Power, a Southern Company subsidiary based in Pensacola, Fla.

Crosswhite is chairman of the board of both the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and the United Way of Central Alabama. He serves on several corporate, civic, and nonprofit boards, including the Birmingham Zoo, Birmingham Business Alliance, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Inc., Southern Research, the University of Alabama Law School Foundation, Virginia Samford Theatre, and Leadership Birmingham. He also serves on the president's advisory council of the Freshwater Land Trust. He is a member of the President's Cabinet of the University of Alabama and a graduate of Leadership Alabama.

Crosswhite is a native of Decatur, Ala. His family has deep roots in the state, dating to the early 19th century. He received a bachelor's degree in 1984 from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a J.D. degree in 1987 from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Crosswhite and his wife, Jane Emily, have two sons.





**Zeke Smith**  
Executive Vice President  
of External Affairs,  
Alabama Power Company

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Zeke Smith is Alabama Power's executive vice president of External Affairs. With more than 30 years of service with the company, Smith has responsibilities for Environmental Affairs, Charitable Giving, Corporate Affairs, Governmental Relations, Public Relations, and Regulatory Affairs. He serves as chairman of the Alabama Power Foundation's Board of Directors. Prior to his present position, Smith served as vice president of Financial and Regulatory Planning, vice president of Regulatory Services, and director of Regulatory and Pricing.

Smith graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering. He also earned a Master of Business Administration from Samford University.

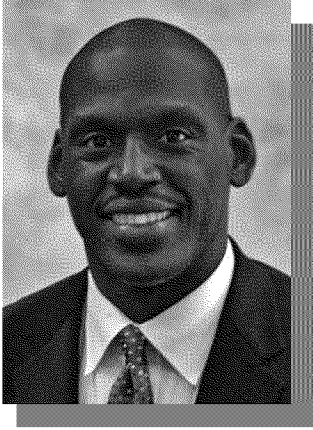
Smith is active in his church and community. He serves on the Samford University Board of Trustees, the Business Council of Alabama Board of Directors, the Birmingham Business Alliance Board of Directors, the Alabama Career Tech Education Leadership Council, the Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Program Board of Directors, the Alabama Governor's Labor-Management Conference Board of

Directors, the Charles D. McCrary Institute Advisory Council, the Auburn Engineering Alumni Council Executive Committee, the Birmingham Bowl Executive Committee, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Advisory Council. He is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Alabama.

Smith has been appointed to the state's College and Career Ready Task Force, the Tornado Recovery Action Council of Alabama, and serves as chairman of the Alabama Workforce Council. He has served as Alabama Power's chairman and executive sponsor of various campaigns including: United Way, the American Heart Association and the Boy Scouts of America.

Smith and his wife, Darlene, have three children: Drew, Heather and Lindsey.





Quentin P. Riggins  
Senior Vice President  
Governmental and Corporate Affairs  
Alabama Power Company

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Quentin P. Riggins is senior vice president of Governmental and

Corporate Affairs for Alabama Power.

Riggins' past experience includes 24 years in Alabama government, including serving as a member of Gov. Bob Riley's cabinet as director of legislative affairs. He also served as a legislative affairs analyst for former Speaker of the House of Representatives Seth Hammett.

As senior vice president of the Business Council of Alabama, he led governmental affairs efforts for the organization's 5,000 members. After six successful years, Riggins began his own governmental affairs firm.

A member of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, Riggins earned a bachelor's degree at Auburn in marketing and distributive education. He also was a second team All-American and All-Southeastern Conference linebacker. He's served on the Auburn Athletics Chief Operating Officer Advisory Committee and is chairman of the

capital campaign for the university's Office of Inclusion and Diversity.

His additional community and civic involvement includes serving on the boards of Grandview Medical Center, Voices for Alabama's Children, the Energy Institute of Alabama, and the Business Council of Alabama's ProgressPAC. He's previously served on the boards of Leadership Alabama and the Baptist Foundation.

He and his wife, Kimi, have one daughter and they live in Trussville.





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Jessica Medeiros Garrison is of counsel to the law firm of Balch & Bingham, LLP, and President of her consulting firm, MDM27 Holdings, Inc.

She graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in 1997 and from the University of Alabama School of Law with a Juris Doctor in December, 2000. She was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in April, 2001 and the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Northern Districts of Alabama, in May, 2001.

As an undergraduate at the University of Alabama, Jessica served as President of the Student Government Association. Prior to attending law school she served with former State of Alabama Attorney General Jeff Sessions (currently United States Attorney General) and as Director of Public Relations and Legislative Affairs for former Attorney General Bill Pryor (currently US Court of Appeals Judge, 11th Circuit). She also served as law clerk for former Tuscaloosa County Circuit Court Judge L. Scott Coogler (currently US District Court Judge). In 1998 she joined the law firm of Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson & Fowler, L.L.P in Tuscaloosa, where she earned a partnership. Her primary practice areas included real estate transactions, business acquisitions, economic development incentives including industrial projects and brownfield projects, bond financing and commercial law. During her tenure at Phelps she served as counsel to over \$318 Million in real estate and asset transactions and over \$250 Million in bond financing transactions. She went on to successfully manage the 2010 Luther Strange campaign for Alabama Attorney General and later serve as Chief Counsel and Deputy Attorney General in the 2011 administration of Attorney General Luther Strange.

In July 2011, Jessica became Executive Director of the Republican Attorneys General Association and led the organization to quadruple its fundraising and for the first time in American history win a clear majority (27) of state Republican Attorneys General offices. In 2014, Jessica also became the first President of the Rule of Law Defense Fund, the public policy organization created to provide a forum for Republican attorneys general to engage on issues relevant to promoting the rule of law, federalism, and freedom in a civil society.

Jessica currently maintains her membership in the Birmingham Bar Association, and Alabama Bar Association. She is a member of the Society of International Business Fellows, North America Leadership Class of 2014, the Board of Trustees for the Alabama Ballet, the Birmingham Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40 Class of 2013, Leadership Alabama Class of 2008-09, and the Leadership Tuscaloosa Class of 2001-02. She previously served on the Board of Directors for the Business Council of Alabama, the ProgressPac, the Farrah Alumni Law Society, the Druid City Hospital (DGH) Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama (former Chairperson), the United Way of West Alabama, Kid One Transport System, and other community organizations.

Jessica is the proud mom of her 10 year old son, Michael and they live in Birmingham, Alabama.



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**PowerSouth Energy Cooperative**, headquartered in Andalusia, Ala., is a generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative providing the wholesale power needs of 20 distribution members — 16 electric cooperatives and four municipal electric systems — in Alabama and northwest Florida.

In 1941, PowerSouth was formed by 11 cooperatives to generate and sell electricity. First known as Alabama Electric Cooperative, the name was changed to PowerSouth Energy Cooperative in 2008 to better reflect the cooperative's geographical service territory and to position the company for future growth opportunities. Today, as one of 62 G&T cooperatives in the United States, PowerSouth is a trusted energy provider for the distribution members, who serve one million end-users in 39 Alabama and 10 Florida counties.

With a combined generating capacity of more than 2,300 megawatts, PowerSouth owns and operates six generation facilities and holds ownership interest in two additional facilities. Utilizing a diverse generating mix that includes natural gas, coal, water (hydro), compressed air energy storage technology, and a disciplined fuel supply hedging program, PowerSouth minimizes the impact of significant fuel cost increases. In addition, PowerSouth maintains long-term purchased power agreements to ensure economic and reliable power supply for the members.

**PowerSouth's most important asset** is a workforce of almost 600 men and women at nine PowerSouth locations. These employees set the bar for safety excellence in the electric industry, boasting an impressive safety record. Safety is PowerSouth's number-one core value, and it is evident through a Recordable Incident Rate (RIR) and Days Away, Restricted or Transferred (DART) rate well below the national average.

**Distribution members** vary in size, number of employees and service area characteristics. Most of PowerSouth's 20 distribution members serve primarily rural areas; however, the service areas of some extend into rapidly expanding suburban areas. Regardless of size or energy usage, each distribution member holds equal ownership in PowerSouth, governing via a 40-member board of trustees composed of two voting delegates from each distribution system.

In addition, PowerSouth employees work with national, regional and state leaders to educate the public about environmental change and PowerSouth's role in developing a broad approach to environmental concerns affecting the industry. PowerSouth strives to be a positive environmental steward of natural resources while ensuring no adverse economic effects on the rural communities it serves.

## **PowerSouth Energy Executive Biographies**

### **Gary L. Smith President & CEO**

Gary Smith is the President and Chief Executive Officer of PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, Inc. in Andalusia, Alabama. He was named President and CEO in January of 2000. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Legal and Corporate Affairs, Director of Legal Affairs and Staff Attorney at PowerSouth. Prior to his employment at PowerSouth Energy Cooperative in 1989, he was employed by Pemco Aeroplex in Birmingham and practiced law in Birmingham.

He is a 1979 graduate of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law where he received a Juris Doctorate degree and a 1976 graduate of the University of North Alabama where he received B.S. degrees in Accounting and Economics.

Gary serves on the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama Board and numerous Boards affiliated with the electric cooperative program. He has served on the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and Business Council of Alabama Boards of Directors.

Gary is married to Debbi and has three daughters, three sons-in-law, and four (going on five), grandchildren that all reside in Birmingham.

### **Horace H. Horn Vice President of External Affairs**

Horace Horn joined PowerSouth Energy in January of 2000 as Director of Government and Economic Affairs. In 2003, Horn was promoted to Vice President of External Affairs where he oversees local, state and federal governmental relations in Alabama, Florida and Washington, DC.

In August of 1993, Horn was appointed State Director of the Farmers Home Administration in Alabama. As a result of USDA's reorganization, the Farmers Home Administration is now known as USDA Rural Development. For 15 years prior to his joining USDA, Horn was involved in Alabama's poultry industry as owner of Southeastern Farms with operations in Crenshaw and Blount counties. He also served as President of Southeastern Structures, Inc., a commercial construction company, and as President of Southeastern Bio-Gro, Inc., a commercial cooperator with Auburn University and the Tennessee Valley Authority in pioneering research and development in organic lawn and garden products.

Horn was appointed by Alabama Governor Robert Bentley to serve on the board of directors of the Alabama State Port Authority in 2014, of which he was also appointed and has served as the 4th Chairman of the Port Authority since October 2016. Horn also serves on the board of directors of the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority, Warrior Tombigbee Waterway Association, the Southeastern Federal Power Customers, Alabama Wildlife Federation Executive Committee, Business Council of Alabama, Alabama Department of Archives and History.

### **Beth Woodard Vice President of Legal and Corporate Affairs**

Beth Woodard is PowerSouth's Vice President of Legal and Corporate Affairs with management responsibilities in the areas of Legal & Compliance, Environmental Services, Purchasing, Human Resources and Safety. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Corporate Finance & Investment Management and Juris Doctor from The University of Alabama. She was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1990.