



League of Women Voters of Washington County
Presents

Electricity in Arkansas: A Rapidly Evolving Issue



Concerned about a proposed SWEPCO rate increase and developing energy efficiency?

A panel of experts will discuss the electrical power dilemma facing Arkansas and ratepayers during a public information program moderated by Hoyt Purvis, University of Arkansas Journalism Department.

Wed., Sept. 23, 2009, from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Fayetteville Public Library

This is also a special LWVWC membership invitation event. Come early, 5:30 to 6:00, for refreshments and visit the membership table before the program for more information.

Topic:

Arkansas finds itself with a need to expand electrical production at the same time it has overcapacity. A controversial coal-fired generating plant, choice of what fuels should be used in the future, an urgency to upgrade transmission, serious environmental concerns and ratepayer costs combine for a perfect "electrical" storm. Learning what Arkansas is facing and what that means to ratepayers is the focus for this League of Women Voters of Washington County's public program.

Panel Participants:

Sandra Byrd, VP, Strategic Affairs, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and former chair of the Arkansas Public Service Commission

Nicholas Brown, President and CEO of Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Ken Smith, Executive Director of Audubon Arkansas, an organization involved in the lawsuit over the J.W. Turk, Jr. coal-fired plant

Eddie Moore, an attorney working with Audubon on electric efficiency and ratepayers issues and representing the Arkansas Public Policy Panel on energy issues during the 2009 legislative session