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## Alabama Rural Electric Association Joins PACE in Fight for Energy Fairness

January 15, 2013 – The Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) announced today that the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) has become its newest official partner in the ongoing fight for affordable and fair national energy policies. The Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives (AREA) is a member-owned federation of 22 electric distribution cooperatives.

Both PACE and AREA have significant concerns over the way that national energy policies could affect the price and reliability of electricity for customers in rural communities. Currently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering a number of rules that could affect the supply and price of electricity.

"Power customers in rural communities across Alabama and beyond have much at stake when it comes to the future of American energy," says Fred Braswell, President and CEO of AREA. "That's why we are proud to support PACE's efforts to fight for energy policies that are fair and affordable."

To learn more about PACE, visit www.EnergyFairness.org.