

## **PROFILE OF SWPA'S RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CUSTOMERS IN MISSOURI**

Missouri cooperatives have a three-tiered structure. Six generation and transmission (G&T) cooperatives formed Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. in 1961. Associated, headquartered in Springfield, MO, holds a 519 MW allocation of capacity from SWPA. Associated delivers this capacity and energy, as well as power from other sources, to its six G&T members, which in turn serve their distribution cooperative members.

- Associated provides SWPA power and energy to six G&T cooperatives
  - ◆ Central Electric Power Cooperative
  - ◆ KAMO Power
  - ◆ M & A Electric Power Cooperative
  - ◆ N.W. Electric Power Cooperative
  - ◆ Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative
  - ◆ Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative
- These six G&Ts transmit the SWPA power and energy to 40 distribution cooperatives in Missouri and 3 in southeast Iowa.
  - ◆ More than 1 million people in 430,000 Missouri households receive SWPA power through Associated via its G&T members and distribution cooperatives
  - ◆ More than 90 percent of Associated's ultimate customers are residential users. Of these residential customers, about half live on farms.
  - ◆ The G&T and distribution cooperatives deliver SWPA power to almost 25,000 commercial and industrial accounts in Missouri
- Associated is SWPA's largest single power sales customer
  - ◆ Associated's allocation represents almost one-quarter of SWPA's total allocated capacity
  - ◆ Associated paid more than \$24.5 million for more than 1.7 million MWh of energy from SWPA in 1995