

## ***THE 2009 TMEPA ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROGRAM***

We hope each of you know how much TMEPA values your association and the assistance you lend us with your knowledge, your financial help and more importantly, your friendship. We sincerely appreciate your involvement and your support. It's that time of year to renew or join the Associate Member program for the coming year. This past year was a huge success with participation and we hope you'll agree and stay with us another year. Your participation in our meetings, events and programs plus additional opportunities to be a part of the 61 municipal electric systems of Tennessee is of tremendous value to our System Members and we hope you agree that value is there for your organization also. ***The 2009 Associate Member program begins January 2009.*** The program levels of participation are designed to give you the opportunity to participate at the level most comfortable for your company's goals and objectives. ***You may view the 2008 Associate Members from our website at [www.tmeпа.org](http://www.tmeпа.org) or click on the following link... <http://www.tmeпа.org/AssociateMembers.htm>***

At the end of this letter is an explanation of each of the four support levels of the Associate Member Program and the benefits of each level as well as an application form. Levels 1-3 will receive a 4" x 6" Member ID frame (see to the right) with the appropriate membership level printed on the document. The highest level (***Partner***) will receive an engraved plaque (see next page). All Associate Members are added to our Daily News Clips at their request. A brief highlight of each level of participation follows.



1. ***Level 1***, from a financial position, is most similar to our old Corporate Sponsor Program and is the beginning level of financial commitment and participation.
2. ***Level 2*** allows you to attend any TMEPA meeting at the same membership registration fee our system members pay (a savings of \$100 minimum for a single registration), an additional directory at no charge plus 2 subscriptions to the Tennessee Connections Magazine (our statewide publication).
3. ***Level 3*** adds additional membership directories, magazine subscriptions and participation in all member communications ***PLUS*** it allows you to bring your spouse to any of our meetings (such as our annual meeting) at a 50% discount on the registration fee. This benefit alone is worth an estimated \$250 dollars at our Annual meeting and when combined with the Regular System Member fee brings your savings to \$350 for a typical Annual Meeting. You would

also have first right of opportunity to exhibit at the annual meeting at the normal exhibitor expense.

4. Our **Partner Level (level 4) is the highest Participation**. At this level you will receive a customized plaque to display in your lobby or office showing the maximum commitment to TMEPA members. Your spouse registration would be included with all registrations as it is with TMEPA System Members. Each benefit shown increases accordingly to this highest level. The attached explains all benefits of this level as well as levels 1-3.

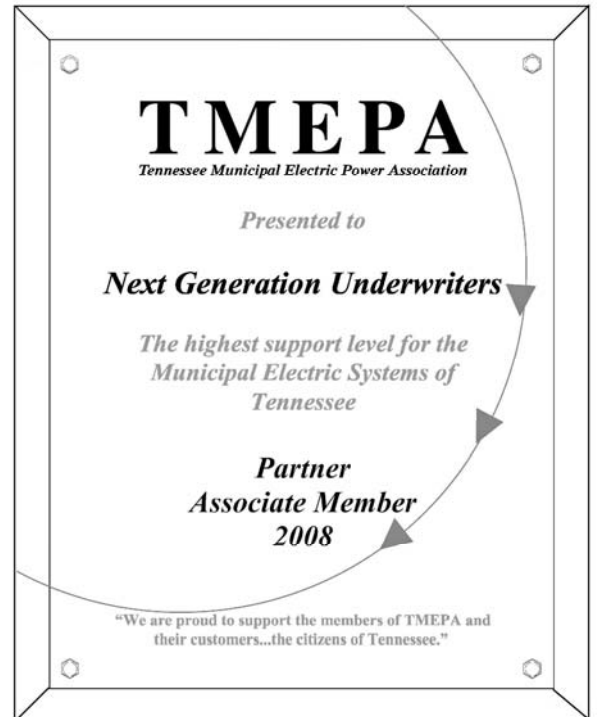
In order to be included in the 2009 TMEPA Directory under Associate Members, we need your response **no later than January 12, 2009**. We thank you in advance for your support and participation. Please don't hesitate to call either myself or Susan Sherrill should you have any questions, concerns or comments. Again, thank you for your support in the past and we're looking forward to continuing our relationship in the future.

Mike Vinson  
Executive Director  
**TMEPA**

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Above is a representative Sample – Actual plaque design may be slightly different. The 2008 **Partner** plaque below was clear and engraved with a 3D effect.



# TMEPA

Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association

[www.tmepe.org](http://www.tmepe.org)

## *Application for Membership 2009 Associate Member Program*

I request that TMEPA consider this application for Associate Membership in the  
*Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association.*

Associate Membership is available to all organizations who do not qualify as a System or Regular Member. If this application is accepted, applicant agrees to abide by and be subject to TMEPA's bylaws and board policies. Applicant understands that as an Associate Member he/she has no representation on the board of directors or voting privilege in any official meetings of the association's system/regular members. This in no way reduces or alters the benefits of the Associate Member Program.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address of primary contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Website of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

- |                          |                            |                   |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Partner (Level 4)</b>   | <b>\$2,500.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Supporter (Level 3)</b> | <b>\$1,200.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Sponsor (Level 2)</b>   | <b>\$600.00</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Sponsor (Level 1)</b>   | <b>\$250.00</b>   |

*Please see attached Associate Member Program Benefits Explanation for each Level of Support.*

Please include payment by company check with this application made payable to **TMEPA**.  
Credit card payments are acceptable but please note there is a 5% bank charge added to all credit card payments.  
The bank receives this fee not TMEPA. (See the following credit card payment form.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association (TMEPA)**  
**Paddock One, C-13, 229 Ward Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027**  
**615-373-5738 Fax 615-373-1901**

## Associate Member Program

### Support Levels

	<i>Partner Level 4</i>	<i>Supporter Level 3</i>	<i>Sponsor Level 2</i>	<i>Sponsor Level 1</i>
<b>Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$250</b>

### Associate Member Benefits

### Explanation of Benefit

Regular **System Member** Rate to all Meetings. (Includes Spouse at no additional charge for Partner Level. 50% discount for Spouse at Supporter level.)



Save money on meeting registration fees.

Annual Associate Member ID Frame  
*(Partner Level 4 receives a customized plaque)*



Place on your counter or desk to show your support.

Annual Membership Directory(s)



Charge for additional directories is \$35.00 each.

Subscription(s) to State Edition of the **Tennessee Connections Magazine.**



Annual subscription is \$25.00.

Listing in the Annual **TMEPA** Membership Directory.



Listing by Level of Associate Membership

Listing on the **TMEPA website** as an Associate Member by level with a link to business website.



Listing by Level of Associate Membership

Flash Welcome to Member Systems showing Associate Member support.



Let's the Municipal Systems know who their supporters are.

Receives all Meeting Communications in advance of general notice.



First Opportunity for hotel reservations at member block rate.

Reserved First Opportunity to exhibit at meetings of the Association.



Never miss the opportunity to exhibit at TMEPA Meetings.

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## Credit Card Payment Form



Name as it appears on the credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Card:

Master Card

Visa

Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3 digit code on the back of the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to which the card is billed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address for confirmation receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Amount to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5% fee will be added see below

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of card holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***\*\*Please Note - A 5% charge will be added to all transactions in order to cover our expenses with the credit card processing company.***

***Thank you for your understanding.***

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