

Plant Barry, Bucks Alabama

- Plant Barry began commercial operation in 1954 with Units 1 & 2 then continued to rapidly expand until 1971 with 3 additional coal fueled units increasing the total capacity to 1716 MWs (megawatts).
- ➤ Barry Unit 3 was decommissioned in 2015 and the fuel source on Units 1, 2, and 4 has since transitioned from coal to natural gas.
- Barry Units 6 and 7 are natural gas fueled units completed in 2000 adding another 1050 MWs.
- Construction of Barry 8 will be complete in the summer of 2023 and commercial operation should begin in October. It will supply another 723 MWs fueled by natural gas.
- Plant Barry will become the largest electrical generating site in Alabama after Unit 8 comes online and will be capable of producing 3107 MWs or enough power to supply approximately 500,000 homes.



Plant Barry, 2023



Plant Barry, October 15th, 1953

Plant Barry Spotlight Employee

Garet R. Rutledge, Plant Barry Maintenance Manager



Garet began his career with Alabama Power as a coop/summer student in 1994. He worked at the Johnson & Johnson Splenda plant in McIntosh after graduation before returning to Plant Barry as a Chemical Technician in 2001. Garet has progressed through many roles of increasing responsibility over the past 20 years at Plant Barry including Team Leader of the laboratory, Carbon Capture facility, and Operations Team Leader of all the electrical generating units at various times. He transferred to the position of Plant Barry Maintenance Manager in early 2022.

Garet's previous position as Environmental Asset Manager included responsibility for the Ash Pond Closure Project and the Low Volume Wastewater Treatment facility. He also serves as the management sponsor for the Plant Barry inaugural Culture Committee and has served as co-sponsor for Plant Barry's Environmental Stewardship Team for the last five (5) years.

Garet has a BS in Chemistry from the University of South Alabama and is a native of Mobile. He currently resides in Saraland and enjoys traveling with his wife and 2 daughters, reading, enjoying the beach, spending time in the outdoors hunting and fishing, and is a huge Alabama Football fan!