

MEMORANDUM

July 9, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Crossroads Energy Center, Clarksdale

You are scheduled to attend the ribbon-cutting and luncheon for the opening of the Crossroads Energy Center in Clarksdale. This is a 320-megawatt, gas-fired power plant jointly owned by Clarksdale Public Utilities and Aquila (uh-*kwill*-uh), an energy company based in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Crossroads Energy Center, named because of its location near the intersection of Highways 49 and 61, will provide power during times when energy needs increase, particularly in the summer when high temperatures call for use of air conditioning and other cooling equipment. The plant is scheduled to operate 3-6 months out of the year. Aquila will purchase the power from the plant and sell it into the wholesale market.

Information on the number of estimated jobs was not available as this was written.

You will be introduced at the luncheon by Brad Nordholm, Aquila Senior Vice President and General Manager. Al Butkus, VP of Corporate Communications for Aquila, will also be attending.

City and county officials will be attending the luncheon.