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National LAMPAC Honors Thomas A. Fanning and Sean F. McGarvey with the 2015 John D. Dingell Award

WASHINGTON (March 17, 2015) – During a reception tonight at the U.S. Botanic Garden, National LAMPAC will honor Southern Company Chairman, President and CEO Thomas A. Fanning and North America’s Building Trades Unions President Sean F. McGarvey with the prestigious John D. Dingell Award for their partnership in building two of the nation’s first nuclear units in more than 30 years at Georgia Power’s Plant Vogtle.

A joint effort of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), National LAMPAC is a labor and management public affairs committee created in 2008 to advance the common objectives of the electric power industry and IBEW members. Through National LAMPAC, labor leaders and electric utility executives advance the common goals of a well-managed, efficient business, with a ready supply of qualified, skilled workers and the hope of greater prosperity and growth.

“Nuclear energy is, and will continue to be, an important part of the nation’s electric generation mix,” said EEI President Tom Kuhn. “Through their ongoing work to promote labor-management cooperation, Tom Fanning and Sean McGarvey embody the spirit of National LAMPAC. Plant Vogtle currently has more than 5,500 construction workers on site, and will create 800 permanent jobs and power more than 500,000 homes and businesses once completed.”

Declaring that “nuclear power is an absolutely critical part of the nation’s future energy mix,” national IBEW President Ed Hill said the construction of the new reactors at Plant Vogtle “is a wonderful example of how a good labor-management partnership can work for everyone.”

Named for the longest-serving member of Congress, the John D. Dingell Award is presented to leaders whose efforts have helped to advance the common objectives of the electric power industry and IBEW members. Mr. Dingell served as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee for many years, where he amassed an impressive record of accomplishments on a wide range of issues, many of which focused on labor-management collaboration.

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EEI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for 220 million Americans, operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and directly employ more than 500,000 workers. EEI has 70 international electric companies as Affiliate Members, and 270 industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members.

The IBEW represents approximately 750,000 active members and retirees who work in a wide variety of fields, including utilities, construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, manufacturing, railroads and government. The IBEW has members in both the United States and Canada and stands out among the American unions in the AFL-CIO because it is among the largest and has members in so many skilled occupations.