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U.S. Department of Energy’s Patricia Hoffman and American Electric Power’s Tony Kavanagh Receive John D. Dingell Award

WASHINGTON (March 7, 2022) – U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) today presented the John D. Dingell Award to the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE’s) Acting Assistant Secretary of the Office of Electricity Patricia Hoffman and American Electric Power (AEP) Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Tony Kavanagh.

In 2008, the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) came together to create the National Labor and Management Public Affairs Committee (National LAMPAC). National LAMPAC strives to foster collaboration and partnership among electric company executives and IBEW leaders to address the nation’s energy challenges and to achieve the common goals of running a well-managed, efficient business with a safe and highly skilled workforce.

Named for the longest-serving member of Congress, the John D. Dingell Award is presented to leaders who exemplify and promote labor-management cooperation and 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 and amassed an impressive record of bipartisan accomplishments on a wide range of issues, many of which focused on labor-management collaboration.

Throughout her career at DOE, Acting Assistant Secretary Hoffman has established a record of developing and implementing bipartisan energy policy that has addressed numerous industry issues, including energy grid modernization and resilience, climate change, reliability, and affordability.

For more than three decades, Kavanagh has been a champion and a leader in promoting the importance of the electric power industry’s labor and management partnership. Throughout his career, Kavanagh has worked to bring together labor and management leaders to address key policy issues impacting the industry and its customers.

“Acting Assistant Secretary Hoffman and Tony Kavanagh both have dedicated their careers to bettering our industry and to improving the lives of our employees and our customers,” said EEI President Tom Kuhn. “EEI’s member companies and our workforce applaud them for their continuous nonpartisan work, which has been instrumental to our workforce development efforts and to ensuring that we are able to provide the affordable, reliable, and resilient clean electricity

our customers expect. Each is exceptionally deserving of this prestigious award, and we commend them for their service.”

“We applaud Acting Assistant Secretary Hoffman and Tony Kavanagh for their leadership in labor and management issues throughout their careers and congratulate them for receiving this award,” said IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson. “Throughout their careers, Pat and Tony have demonstrated their commitment to working together across party lines for the benefit of our industry and our customers.”

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EEI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for more than 220 million Americans, and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

As a whole, the electric power industry supports more than 7 million jobs in communities across the United States. In addition to our U.S. members, EEI has more than 65 international electric companies, with operations in more than 90 countries, as International Members, and hundreds of industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members.

The IBEW represents approximately 775,000 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.