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EEI, IBEW Present Edwin D. Hill Award to Ameren Missouri and IBEW Local 1439

WASHINGTON (March 16, 2026) — The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) today presented the Edwin D. Hill Award to Ameren Missouri and IBEW Local 1439. This distinguished award recognizes efforts to advance state and local initiatives on behalf of EEI’s member electric companies and IBEW members.

In 2025, Ameren Missouri and IBEW Local 1439 partnered on an economic development strategy centered around Ameren Missouri’s Powering Missouri Growth Plan. This initiative was designed to capitalize on the surge in industrial growth, including data centers and manufacturing, to bolster the St. Louis regional economy, while creating union jobs.

Ameren Missouri’s initiative will enable the company to serve up to two gigawatts of expected new energy demand by 2032, with a balanced mix of generation resources that will deliver reliable and affordable energy to all customers. Ameren Missouri and IBEW Local 1439 also advocated for new state legislation that ensured large load customers like data centers paid their fair share of infrastructure costs, protecting residential customers from price hikes.

“The collaboration between Ameren Missouri and IBEW Local 1439 is a prime example of how labor and management can drive regional economic growth while protecting all customers,” said **EEI President and CEO Drew Maloney**. *“They are ensuring that the St. Louis region remains a hub for innovation while creating economic growth and good-paying union jobs. Their efforts reinforce the power of labor-management partnerships in meeting our nation’s evolving energy needs.”*

“When labor and management work together, everybody wins,” said **IBEW International President Kenneth W. Cooper**. *“The partnership between IBEW Local 1439 and Ameren*

Missouri will mean good union jobs, economic development for the St. Louis region, and infrastructure investments that will ensure reliable and affordable power for consumers. I congratulate them for their leadership in making it happen.”

Under the leadership of former IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill, the IBEW and EEI 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.

This award, presented during National LAMPAC’s annual meeting, celebrates Hill’s legacy as a transformative trade unionist who held fast to the IBEW’s history and traditions while making key changes to modernize and preserve the IBEW’s influence as one of North America’s most powerful voices for working people.

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EEI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide safe, reliable electricity for nearly 250 million Americans, and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Collectively, the electric power industry supports more than 7 million jobs in communities across the United States and drives economic growth and prosperity. EEI also includes hundreds of industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) represents approximately 838,000 members and retirees who work in a wide variety of fields, including construction, utilities, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcasting, railroads, and government.