U.S. Senators Joe Manchin and Lisa Murkowski Receive
John D. Dingell Award

WASHINGTON (March 1, 2021) – U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) today will virtually present the John D. Dingell Award to U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) for their long history of bipartisanship, which most recently included their efforts to champion the Energy Act of 2020.

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.

Senators Manchin and Murkowski worked together to pave the way for Congress to enact broad, bipartisan energy legislation last year that is helping electric companies to deliver affordable, reliable, and clean energy to customers across the country. The Energy Act of 2020 focused on clean energy technology development that included advanced nuclear, carbon capture, and longer-duration energy storage. It also included provisions to rebuild the electric power industry’s domestic supply chains for critical minerals and bolstered energy efficiency programs for federal buildings, schools, and industry.

“Senators Manchin and Murkowski are firm believers and practitioners of an ‘all-of-the-above’ energy policy approach,” said EEI President Tom Kuhn. “EEI’s member companies, our tremendously skilled workforce, and our customers all continue to benefit from their leadership as we transition to a clean energy future for all. Both Senators are exceptionally deserving of this prestigious award, and we thank them for their tireless efforts and dedication to public service.”

“Good jobs, modern infrastructure, and a clean energy future shouldn’t be partisan issues, so I commend Senators Joe Manchin and Lisa Murkowski for their efforts to enact bipartisan energy
legislation that protects jobs while investing in new technologies to fight climate change,” said IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson. “The men and women of the IBEW thank them for their leadership and commitment to public service and offer congratulations on receiving this well-deserved award.”

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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 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.