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EEI, IBEW Present Edwin D. Hill Award to Tom Dalzell and Tom Householder

WASHINGTON (March 1, 2021) – The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) today will present the Edwin D. Hill Award to former IBEW Local 1245 Business Manager Tom Dalzell and to former American Electric Power (AEP) Managing Director of Labor Relations Tom Householder. This distinguished award recognizes efforts to advance state and local initiatives on behalf of EEI’s member electric companies and IBEW members.

Tom Dalzell joined the staff of IBEW Local 1245 in 1981 when he was hired as a staff attorney. He went on to represent the union in more than 300 arbitrations, and, after 20 years on staff, he was promoted to Senior Assistant Business Manager. Dalzell was appointed by the Executive Board to the serve as the union’s business manager in 2006. He subsequently was re-elected five times.

As the head of the union, Dalzell ushered in a series of new programs and improved the lives of IBEW members. Among his many accomplishments, he created two new steward roles—safety steward and organizing steward—which have transformed the culture of the union.

Tom Householder began his leadership career at AEP in 1984 and spent more than 36 years with the company. After holding several key roles within the organization, Householder led AEP’s Labor Relations department for a decade before retiring in January of this year.

During Householder’s tenure at AEP, he forged key relationships with various labor unions in Washington, D.C., and throughout AEP’s 11-state service territory. Householder’s long-standing work with organized labor benefitted AEP and the company’s customers. Householder was involved in several safety initiatives and instituted an apprenticeship program to support U.S. military veterans, which showcased the partnership he forged between AEP and organized labor.

“Tom Dalzell and Tom Householder represent the very best of labor and management,” said IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson. “Both men dedicated their careers to building successful labor-management partnerships that advanced the interests of both the energy industry and IBEW members. Their tireless work forged many innovative programs that continued to lift up our industry today. I congratulate them on this honor.”

“Tom Dalzell and Tom Householder are visionaries, and, through their leadership, they helped to cement many partnerships between the electric power industry, IBEW, and organized labor,”

said EEI President Tom Kuhn. “Through their work, they also helped to shape the way our industry currently serves its customers and its communities. Each is exceptionally deserving of this honor, and it is a pleasure to present them with this prestigious award.”

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.

Hill was a transformative trade unionist who modernized and shepherded the IBEW through one of the deepest recessions in history. During his tenure, the IBEW held fast to its 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 electricity for 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 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.