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IBEW's Fourth District Local Unions 245 and 1413, and FirstEnergy Jointly Receive Edwin D. Hill Award

WASHINGTON (March 2, 2020) – During a reception tonight, the Edwin D. Hill Award will be presented to International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' (IBEW's) Fourth District Local Union 245 and Local Union 1413, and FirstEnergy. The distinguished award recognizes advancement of state and local initiatives on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute's (EEI's) member electric companies and IBEW members.

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 energy 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.

IBEW's Fourth District Local Unions 245 and 1413, and FirstEnergy worked together encourage the successful passage of Ohio's House Bill 6. The bill was signed into law in June 2019 and was instrumental in preventing the closure of two of the state's nuclear power plants. In total, the law preserved 4,300 jobs, while lowering customers' electric bills and protecting them from potential changes in market conditions.

"The communities and customers we serve always are at the forefront of priorities for EEI and our member companies," said EEI President Tom Kuhn. "IBEW's Fourth District Local Unions 245 and 1413, and FirstEnergy worked diligently on this bill not only to save local jobs and protect customers, but also to provide customers with clean, reliable, and affordable energy. They were very successful on all measures, and they all are very deserving of this distinguished award."

"I commend the IBEW's Fourth District, Locals 245 and 1413 for all their efforts in working with our management partners of FirstEnergy in their successful efforts to keep these carbon-free

24/7 generation power plants up and running,” said IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson. “This is just another example of the value of a strong labor-management relationship that promotes clean energy and jobs. Both FirstEnergy and our locals are very deserving of this award.”

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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.