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EEI, IBEW Present Edwin D. Hill Award to Central Maine Power, Versant Power, & IBEW Local 1837

WASHINGTON (March 4, 2024) – The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) today presented the Edwin D. Hill Award to Central Maine Power, Versant Power, and IBEW Local 1837. This distinguished award recognizes efforts to advance state and local initiatives on behalf of EEI’s member electric companies and IBEW members.

Last year, Central Maine Power, Versant Power, and IBEW Local 1837 partnered to help educate customers, policymakers, and other stakeholders about an expensive, risky, and counter-productive ballot measure that was presented to state voters on Election Day. The companies and IBEW Local 1837 worked together through broad coalitions to help inform voters across the state about the important work of Maine’s electric companies and the impact this initiative would have on customers and the IBEW workforce.

“Members of IBEW Local 1837 in Maine proved in practice that when it comes ensuring reliable power, and protecting good, energy jobs, labor and management must work together,” said IBEW International President Kenneth Cooper. “Along with Central Maine Power and Versant Power, they showed the nation how the IBEW and America’s energy industry can forge a powerful legislative partnership.”

“Central Maine Power, Versant Power, and IBEW Local 1837’s partnership demonstrates the power of industry and labor working together to achieve a common goal,” said EEI President and CEO Dan Brouillette. “Through strong community engagement, Central Maine Power, Versant Power, and IBEW Local 1837 worked to protect customers and to educate them about the companies’ commitment to provide reliable, affordable, and clean energy.”

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 to preserve the IBEW's influence as one of North America's most powerful voices for working people.

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The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) represents approximately 820,000 members and retirees who work in a wide variety of fields, including construction, utilities, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcasting, railroads and government.

EI is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. Our members provide electricity for nearly 250 million Americans, and operate in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The electric power industry supports more than 7 million jobs in communities across the United States. In addition to our U.S. members, EI has more than 70 international electric companies, with operations in more than 90 countries, as International Members, and hundreds of industry suppliers and related organizations as Associate Members.