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EEI, IBEW Present Edwin D. Hill Award to SDG&E® and IBEW Local 465

WASHINGTON (March 4, 2025) – The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) today presented the Edwin D. Hill Award to San Diego Gas & Electric® (SDG&E) and IBEW Local 465. This distinguished award recognizes efforts to advance state and local initiatives on behalf of EEI’s member electric companies and IBEW members.

In 2024, SDG&E and IBEW Local 465 collaborated to raise awareness about a proposed ballot initiative that could have negatively impacted San Diego’s energy future. The initiative threatened to increase electricity costs and jeopardize local union jobs. Due to this collaborative effort to educate the community, the city council ultimately rejected the proposal.

SDG&E and IBEW Local 465 have served the city together for more than a century. Their continued collaboration has allowed them to focus on delivering clean, safe, and reliable energy to the community, while keeping costs to customers as low as possible.

“Local 465 and SDG&E showed in practice the power of labor-management partnerships,” said IBEW International President Kenneth W. Cooper. “By working together, the IBEW and SDG&E have advanced the cause of reliable power and good, union jobs, benefiting both the customer and wider community throughout Southern California.”

“Through their community engagement and education efforts, SDG&E and IBEW Local 465 have demonstrated their longtime commitment to their customers and have reinforced the value of their partnership,” said EEI interim President and CEO Pat Vincent-Collawn. “Thanks to their work, SDG&E’s customers will continue to benefit from secure, reliable energy that is delivered by a highly skilled workforce.”

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 838,000 members and retirees who work in a wide variety of fields, including construction, utilities, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcasting, railroads and government.

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI) is the association that represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies. EEI 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 its U.S. members, EEI 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.