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AEP Joins WIRES

WASHINGTON, DC – [American Electric Power](#) has joined WIRES as a full supporting member, expanding the group's diverse membership to 28 members. WIRES, a national non-profit organization, continues its educational work and advocacy for strong high-voltage electric transmission infrastructure across North America. Like AEP, WIRES members that operate facilities, or participate in power markets, across multiple jurisdictions recognize the need for consistent national and regional policies that foster infrastructure investment.

Based in Columbus, OH, AEP owns the largest electricity transmission system in the United States. The network includes nearly 39,000 miles of lines, including more 765KV extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP transmission directly or indirectly serves about 10 percent of electricity demand in the Eastern Interconnection and about 11 percent of demand within ERCOT in Texas. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia, West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas).

"WIRES welcomes AEP to its membership with great enthusiasm," said Jolly Hayden, the 2012 WIRES President. "AEP, the largest transmission owner and operator in the nation, has long been a strong advocate for public policies that facilitate a stronger high voltage grid. Its membership in WIRES signals renewed effort toward our mutual goal of a truly 21st Century electric system."

WIRES (Working group for Investment in Reliable and Economic electric Systems) is a non-profit trade association of investor-, publicly-, and cooperatively owned transmission providers, transmission customers, regional grid managers, and equipment and service companies. WIRES promotes investment in electric transmission and progressive State and Federal policies that advance energy markets, economic efficiency, and consumer and environmental benefits through development of electric power infrastructure. For more information, visit www.wiresgroup.com or contact Jim Hoecker at 202-378-2316.