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WIRES Elects New Board and Officers for 2012

WASHINGTON, DC – At its Annual Meeting, WIRES selected its leadership for the 2012 calendar year.

Jolly Hayden, Vice President of Electric Business Development, Electric Infrastructure Alliance of America, was elected to serve a second term as WIRES President. Hayden commented that, “WIRES once again has an exceptional leadership team. They come from many perspectives in the power business and, given the policy challenges that transmission development face, that’s a very constructive thing. I congratulate them all.”

Along with Hayden, the 2012 officer slate includes:

- **Don Clevenger, Executive Vice President of Oncor Electric Deliver**, as President-Elect;
- **Phil Grigsby**, Vice President of Transmission at Duke Energy, as WIRES Vice President;
- **Gary Hickey**, Executive Director of Transmission Development at NextEra Energy as the new Treasurer; and
- **Gerald Deaver, Manager** of Regional Transmission Xcel Energy, remaining as WIRES Secretary for a second term.

WIRES members also elected a new **Board of Directors** to oversee the group’s basic operations:

- **Will Kaul**, Vice President, Transmission at Great River Energy and a former WIRES President;
- **Paul D. McCoy**, Principal at Atlantic Wind Connection and a former WIRES President; and
- **Autry Warren**, Vice President, Regional Customer Operations at Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC and a former Treasurer of WIRES.

EIAA, which Hayden joined this year, is a relatively new entrant in the transmission space. It was formed in 2010 as a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) to invest in companies that own and develop electric transmission and distribution utility assets, the first of its kind in the United States.

Clevenger, Senior Vice President, External Affairs at Oncor Electric Delivery in Dallas, TX, is responsible for the company’s legislative and regulatory affairs, including interaction with state and federal lawmakers and the Public Utility Commission of Texas and other regulatory agencies.

Grigsby serves as Senior Vice President, Commercial Transmission, at Duke Energy in Charlotte, NC. His group includes Pioneer Transmission, a joint venture between Duke Energy and American Electric Power to build and operate extra-high-voltage transmission lines and related facilities in Indiana.

Deaver is Xcel Energy's Manager, Regional Transmission Policy. He has extensive legal experience in all phases of state utility regulation and has been with the Denver, CO-based company since 2009.

Hickey is Executive Director, Transmission Development, at NextEra Energy. He is responsible for leading business growth in transmission opportunities through origination, development and construction of transmission projects, primarily in the Midwest.

"I look forward to working with WIRES as its membership changes and expands," said Jim Hoecker, Counsel to WIRES since its inception in 2005 and former FERC Chairman. "Electric transmission remains critical to advancing clean energy and new technologies and to ensuring greater reliability and economic development. We must work even harder to get that across to policy makers, so that the regulation of this sector can be rationalized for the benefit of consumers and the environment."

Go here for more information on WIRES' [board](#) and [officers](#).

WIRES (Working group for Investment in Reliable and Economic electric Systems) is a non-profit trade association of transmission providers, customers, and equipment and service companies formed to promote 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.