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NextEra's Jolly Hayden Is New WIRES President; Knakmuhs, Deaver and Warren Fill Out Leadership

WASHINGTON, DC – Jolly Hayden, Vice President of Transmission Development at NextEra Energy Resources, heads a roster of new officers elected to lead WIRES for the next year.

Also chosen by the full supporting members of WIRES to oversee their efforts are: Heath Knakmuhs, Director of Federal Affairs at American Transmission Company, as Vice President; Gerald Deaver, Manager, Regional Transmission Policy for Xcel Energy, as Secretary; and Autry Warren, Senior Director – Transmission & Municipal Relations at Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, as Treasurer. (Warren served in the same position over the past year.)

Hayden directs growth in transmission investment opportunities for NextEra Energy Resources, a competitive energy supplier operating in 26 U.S. states and Canada. He led the effort that gave rise to Lone Star Transmission, LLC, a NextEra Energy, Inc., subsidiary that is developing a regulated transmission-only company in Texas.

Knakmuhs oversees ATC's Washington, D.C., office and is the primary conduit between ATC's corporate headquarters in Wisconsin and various federal agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Deaver manages regional transmission organization membership and participation for the Transmission business unit at Xcel. He has extensive legal experience in all phases of state utility regulation and served in the legal department of the New York Independent System Operator.

Warren's responsibilities include management of Oncor's transmission regulatory activities with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and regulatory administration with municipal authorities. Over the past 30 years, Warren has held numerous management positions for Oncor.

"As WIRES enters its sixth year of promoting electric transmission investment, it once again has a talented and dedicated group of leaders," said Jim Hoecker, Counsel to WIRES and former Chairman of FERC. "The challenges remain great, however. It will take continued effort to strengthen the nation's electric infrastructure, create energy jobs, and promote clean energy resources and technological innovation."

Additional information about the new WIRES leadership is available on the WIRES Web site at <http://www.wiresgroup.com/aboutwires/officerandcounselbios.html>

WIRES thanks its outgoing officers for their service: President Paul D. McCoy, P.E., who is President and Chief Operating Officer of Trans-Elect Development Co., LLC; Vice President

Nina Plaushin, who is Vice President, Federal Affairs at ITC Holdings Corp.; and Secretary Kevin Curtis, P.E., who is Director, Electric Transmission Planning & Marketing at Dominion Virginia Power.

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 202-639-6500.