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Reynolds Receives Co-op Leadership Award

Statewide Association Recognizes Longtime CEO of Community Electric Cooperative

Windsor, Va. – James M. (Jim) Reynolds has been honored by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC) with the 2015 Electric Cooperative Leadership Award.

Reynolds, who served as President and CEO of Community Electric Cooperative (CEC) for nearly 36 years until retiring in 2013, accepted his award at VMDAEC's annual membership meeting on July 27 in Roanoke, Va.

In presenting the award, VMDAEC president and CEO Jack Reasor noted that Reynolds served for 35 years on the board of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC), CEC's power supplier, and is the only ODEC board member to have been elected as Chairman twice, from 1992-1995 and 2007-2010.

“He dedicated his career to working on behalf of the members he served, giving his time and efforts to ensure they received reliable service at the best possible cost,” Reasor said.

VMDAEC Executive Vice President Richard Johnstone added, “Jim’s attention to every detail of cooperative operations, from engineering and accounting, to members services and line work, was widely known and respected by his CEO peers at other VMD systems.”

Reynolds also chaired the CEO Advisory Committee of VMDAEC from 1982-1990 and demonstrated leadership at a national level, serving on the boards of ACES Power Marketing and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC).

The 2015 Distinguished Service Award resolution cites Reynolds’ years of contributions to area business development and the civic life of his community. A member of the Paul D. Camp

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Workforce Development Council from 1998-2006, Reynolds currently serves on the Virginia Commonwealth Bank Advisory Board. He is also a lifelong member of Windsor Ruritan Club and the Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

In his award nomination letter, longtime friend and fellow co-op CEO Vernon N. Brinkley wrote, “Jim and I worked closely together for 32 years on the board of ODEC and the Association. A dedicated utility professional, he has always been a visionary, displaying great leadership and always generously giving of his time and talent.”

About CEC

Headquartered in Windsor, Va., Community Electric Cooperative’s service territory serves 11,000 electric consumers, with 1,590 miles of overhead and underground distribution line. CEC has \$24 million in combined annual revenues from both the electric cooperative and its wholly owned subsidiary, Tidewater Energy Services, LLC. For more information, visit www.comelec.coop.

About VMDAEC

Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for 15 consumer-owned not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives that serve Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The Glen Allen, Va.-based Association provides its member cooperatives with employee, director, and safety education and training, government relations and legislative support, and communications services, including the publishing of *Cooperative Living* magazine. For more information, visit www.vmdaec.com or www.co-opliving.com.

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