Associated Electric Cooperative Chief Executive Officer David J. Tudor Announces May 2027 Retirement

Associated Board praises Tudor for his leadership and vision during a period of significant growth and market volatility driven by multiple winter storms

Springfield, MO (Nov. 2, 2026) – Today, Associated Electric Cooperative Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, David J. Tudor, notified the cooperative's Board of Directors of his plan to retire in May 2027 after a distinguished career of more than 45 years in the energy industry and more than a decade leading Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.

"Over 10 years ago, the board chose David to navigate Associated through numerous industry challenges facing the cooperative," said Board President Buster Geisendorfer. "David's unique ability to strategically lead the cooperative through a period of transition and growth yet maintain the cooperative principles that underpin our culture has been amazing. On behalf of the Board of Directors and our member-owners, we wish David a well-deserved retirement."

"It has truly been an honor to serve our six generation and transmission cooperative owners, their 51 distribution cooperatives, and more than 2.1 million people across Missouri, northeast Oklahoma and southeast Iowa over the last decade," said David Tudor. "I am so thankful for the Board of Directors and resilient employees that have trusted and supported me in making Associated the strong cooperative it is today."

David Tudor has served Associated since May 2016. During his tenure the cooperative maintained its existing fleet of generation and transmission assets and began an aggressive buildout of new generation capacity to support the significant member-owner peak load growth. Today, the cooperative has 840 megawatts coming online later this year and early next year and an additional 1,275 megawatts in various stages of completion, growing the assets from $3.5 billion to $6 billion by 2031.

Before joining Associated Electric, Tudor served as the President and CEO of Champion Energy, a retail electric provider. Tudor also previously held positions at ACES Power Marketing and PG&E Energy Trading. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Lipscomb University. Tudor serves as a member of multiple board of directors including the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, Nabors Industries (NYSE: NBR), Woodway Energy Infrastructure, and the National Renewable Cooperative Organization.

"I will retire from Associated knowing the cooperative is well-positioned for continued success because of the dedication of the board, management and employees who focus every day on providing reliable and affordable power supply to the member-owners," said Tudor.

Associated's Board of Directors will initiate a national search for the cooperative's next CEO. Tudor will continue to lead the cooperative through the transition and remains dedicated to Associated's continued success.

About Associated Electric Cooperative

Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. is a member-owned, not-for-profit generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. Associated provides wholesale electricity to six regional transmission cooperatives, which serve 51 local distribution cooperatives in Missouri, northeast Oklahoma and southeast Iowa. Together, these cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 2.1 million people.

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