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Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative Names John P. Buechler as Executive Director

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC) today announced the appointment of John P. Buechler as EIPC executive director effective October 1, 2018. Buechler succeeds David Whiteley, who was instrumental in the formation of the EIPC in 2009 and served as its executive director since March, 2011.

“As a representative of the New York ISO, John has been a leader in every aspect of the EIPC’s work since its inception in 2009, including chairing the EIPC member committee that led the successful study of the Eastern Interconnection transmission grid under a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. We are pleased to have an individual with John’s experience and expertise to take the reins as executive director,” said Stephen Rourke, vice president of system planning for ISO New England and chairman of the EIPC Executive Committee. “Dave Whiteley did an outstanding job as the EIPC executive director and has been instrumental in the success of EIPC. We look forward to continuing that success with John’s leadership.”

Mr. Buechler has 50 years of experience in the electric power industry, including a 30-year career with the Long Island Lighting Company where he had managerial responsibility for corporate and strategic planning and engineering. He has played key roles in electric industry restructuring, both nationally and in New York state, since the mid-1990s. During that period, John was a leader in the development of the New York Power Pool’s 1997 proposal to develop the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO). Following the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s acceptance of the proposal in 1998, John served as managing director of the project to transform the New York Power Pool into NYISO in December, 1999.

Mr. Buechler is currently the President of John P. Buechler Consulting and since 2002 has advised NYISO’s CEO, officers and board on key regulatory issues. John also has represented NYISO on multiple committees of the ISO/RTO Council.

Mr. Buechler is a graduate of The Polytechnic Institute of New York with a master's degree in management and Manhattan College with a bachelor of electrical engineering degree with honors.

About the EIPC

Formed under an agreement by 20 planning authorities from the Eastern United States and Canada, the EIPC has developed a "bottom-up" approach to transmission planning, starting with a roll-up of the existing grid expansion plans of electric system planning authorities in the Eastern Interconnection. The EIPC membership includes Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Cube Hydro Carolinas, LLC; Duke Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Florida, and Duke Energy Progress; Louisville Gas & Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company; Florida Power & Light Company; Georgia Transmission Corporation (An Electric Membership Corporation); ISO New England, Inc.; JEA; Midcontinent Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia; New York Independent System Operator, Inc.; PJM Interconnection; PowerSouth Energy Cooperative; South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper); Southern Company Services Inc., as agent for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, and Mississippi Power Company; Southwest Power Pool, Inc.; and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

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