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Devin Hartman Hired As ELCON President and CEO

Washington D.C. -- The Electricity Consumers Resource Council has hired R Street Institute Electricity Policy Manager Devin Hartman to succeed the current President and CEO John P. Hughes who is retiring at the end of the year.

For over forty years, ELCON has been the premiere national association of large industrial users of electricity promoting affordable, reliable, abundant and environmentally responsible energy resources for American industry.

Prior to his work at the R Street Institute, a leading think tank organization premised on market competition, consumer choice and good governance, Hartman was an Energy Industry Analyst at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission where he analyzed the economics of wholesale electricity markets and exchanged market analyses and insights with independent market monitors of the organized wholesale electricity markets. He also served as a Senior Analyst at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

“Devin brings the right mix of technical and pro market policy skills to the job,” Hughes said. “Going forward this will be important for defending the competitive power markets that we worked so hard to create and maintain.”

“We’re in an unprecedented era of technological change,” Hartman said. “I’m looking forward to ensuring the voices of large industrial users of electricity are at the forefront of that transformation.”

Attached are Hartman’s and Hughes’ bios.

Devin Hartman is electricity policy manager and senior fellow with the R Street Institute, where he researches and promotes competitive electricity markets, efficient energy innovation and environmental policies, and sensible electric rate designs.

Devin joined R Street in January 2016, having previously conducted an economic analysis of wholesale electricity markets at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). His areas of focus included renewables integration, environmental regulation, coordination of natural gas and electric industries, and using markets to procure resources to meet reliability needs.

Before FERC, Devin worked at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, where he spearheaded the initiative to modernize Indiana's electric-resource planning rule. He led research on risk and uncertainty management, as well as advanced technologies, including electric vehicles, carbon capture and storage, energy storage and distributed generation.

Devin previously served as a fellow at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, conducting air-emissions cost-benefit analysis. He has also advised, provided research for and worked on issue-based campaigns for various energy and environmental nonprofit organizations.

He graduated from Iowa State University with bachelor's degrees in economics, political science, and environmental studies. He also holds master's degrees in public administration and environmental science from Indiana University, with concentrations in environmental policy, policy analysis and energy systems and policy.

John P. Hughes is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON). ELCON is a Washington DC-based national association representing large industrial consumers of electricity. ELCON's multi-national member companies own and operate major manufacturing facilities throughout the United States and in all foreign markets. They produce a wide range of products from virtually every segment of the manufacturing community. Many ELCON members also cogenerate steam/thermal energy and electricity.

Since joining ELCON in 1987 as Director of Technical Affairs, Mr. Hughes has managed ELCON's interventions at FERC, DOE, EPA, and state PUCs, and in testimony before Congress. He is the lead author of ELCON position papers and technical documents on all facets of the electric industry. Mr. Hughes was appointed Vice President – Technical Affairs in 2004. He became President and CEO in October 2015.

Mr. Hughes has served on the Executive Committee of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) and currently serves on NAESB's Advisory Council.

Mr. Hughes has been active with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and its predecessor organization since 1997. He has served on NERC's Market Interface Committee, Planning Committee, the Compliance & Certification Committee, and the BES Standards Drafting Team. He currently serves on NERC's Member Representatives Committee (MRC).

Prior to joining ELCON, Mr. Hughes was Director of Economic Research at the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. He was previously Chief Economist of the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Council.

Mr. Hughes received his undergraduate training in civil and mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) and his graduate training in economics at Cornell University.