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Statement of NRECA CEO Glenn English On the Confirmation of Jim Andrew as Rural Utilities Service Administrator

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America's electric cooperatives applaud appointment and confirmation of Jim Andrew to serve as Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Jim has been a powerful and dedicated advocate for electric cooperatives and the communities they serve. As a director of Jefferson Energy Cooperative in Wrens Georgia, he learned first hand that the relationship between co-op members and their democratically elected boards is a special one and that those who serve undertake a significant responsibility as regulators of their community's privately owned electric utilities.

Jim has been a pillar of the cooperative community for more than 30 years. His leadership at the local, state and national levels has been a blessing to electric co-ops and has imbued him with a wealth of practical experience from which he can draw to meet the challenges that lie ahead. Jim's tenure as President of the NRECA Board came during a time of great flux and uncertainty within the electric utility industry - a time when public confidence ebbed and corporate scandal lead the news. Throughout it all he maintained an unyielding faith in the cooperative principles and the ability of locally-owned co-ops to operate in their members' best interest. Jim's confidence spread throughout the program and in the intervening years co-ops have emerged, stronger and more competitive than at any time in our history.

I am confident that Jim will serve in the best interest of both the electric cooperative network and the Nation. He brings to the RUS a remarkable record of professional achievement and intimate knowledge of the programs he will oversee.

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