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GREENWOOD, Del.- Former Delaware Electric Cooperative (DEC) President and CEO Bill Andrew has received national recognition for his two-decade-long career at DEC. Andrew received the President's Award from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association during the organization's annual meeting in Nashville in March.

Andrew received the award for his leadership at DEC which resulted in innovations that helped electric cooperatives across the nation save their members money. Andrew oversaw the launch of the Co-op's Beat the Peak program that asks members to conserve energy when the price of energy is high. The program has saved DEC members more than \$36 million since 2008 and more than 100 cooperatives are now using the program to keep their electric rates affordable. During Andrew's tenure, the Cooperative also earned the highest customer satisfaction scores in the country among electric cooperatives.

During his virtual acceptance speech, Andrew said, "It is a great honor to be recognized by your peers and colleagues regarding your life's work. I would like to offer a special thanks to the employees of Delaware Electric Cooperative for believing that we would make a difference, for the Board of Directors for allowing us to be innovative and for the Cooperative Family for adopting our ideas."

NRECA bestows the President's Award on individuals who have made significant contributions to the cooperative movement across the country.

According to Richard Johnstone, former President and CEO of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, "Bill Andrew is among the most dynamic, creative, informed, influential, successful cooperative leaders whom I have ever met. His pursuit of excellence is second to none, as is his passion to provide the very best service to the member-consumers of Delaware Electric Cooperative, at the lowest possible cost and in the safest manner possible."

Andrew retired from DEC in July of 2021 after more than twenty years working at the not-for-profit utility. He joined the Cooperative as Vice President of Operations and Engineering in 1998 and was promoted to CEO in 2005.

Delaware Electric Cooperative is a member-owned not-for-profit utility powering more than 109,000 homes, farms and businesses in Kent and Sussex Counties. For more information, visit DEC on the web at www.delaware.coop or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.