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IBEW LOCAL 2067 and SASKPOWER CALL FOR NATIONAL LINeworker APPRECIATION DAY

October 2, 2018 – The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 2067 and SaskPower join other IBEW local unions and electricity companies across Canada for an industry-wide call on the federal government to designate July 10th as National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

“The reason for our existence derived from safety. In an industry that once saw 1 in 3 lineworkers killed on the job, it is important that in a safety-first culture we must remember how we got here. It is crucial to recognize the sacrifices that have been made so that we can enjoy the reliable services that we have available to us today. This day serves not to minimize the contributions of other workers in the industry, but to bring to light the significant impacts made by lineworkers” Jason Tibbs Business Manager IBEW 2067.

Electricity is the great enabler of modern society, powering our businesses, schools, homes and the lifestyle to which we have grown accustomed. It is also a vital part of Canada’s transition to a more sustainable, clean growth economy. The proposed National Lineworker Appreciation Day will honour the men and women who brave difficult and hazardous conditions to keep the lights on from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

Lineworkers have been around for over a century, often working in difficult conditions to build and maintain the powerlines that provide Canadians reliable, affordable and clean energy. In appreciation for their dedication to serve their fellow Canadians despite the hazards, IBEW Canada has partnered with the Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) to launch an initiative with SaskPower, other utilities, and IBEW local unions across the country, to designate July 10th as National Lineworker Appreciation Day in Canada.

“IBEW Canada’s lineworkers repair and maintain the electrical grid and work day and night, often in challenging conditions to ensure that Canadians have reliable and safe access to the electricity they need to stay connected. On July 10, 122 years ago the IBEW’s founder and first president, lineworker Henry Miller, was killed on the job. National Lineworker Appreciation Day is a reminder of the sacrifices made by the highly skilled electrical workers who perform difficult and dangerous jobs to keep the lights on for Canadians” said Tom Reid, International Vice President IBEW Canada.

IBEW Local 2067 represents electrical utility workers with SaskPower and the City of Swift Current as well as workers in the outside line construction industry in the province of Saskatchewan.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is an International union established in 1891 with members in both the United States and Canada. IBEW represents approximately 750,000 active members and retirees, 70,000 of which are located in Canada. These members work in a wide variety of fields, including: utilities, construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, manufacturing, railroads and government.

Please utilize the following link and complete the 2-step process to sign a petition to enable the creation of National Lineworker Appreciation Day:

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1809>

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