

Jay A. Porter, PE, selected by the Board of Directors as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative, Friendship, WI.

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The ACEC Board of Directors has named Jay Porter, as its next CEO. He begins his new duties on June 16, 2016. The CEO, appointed by the Board of Directors, serves as the top executive of ACEC and reports to an 11 member board of directors representing specific districts within its vast service territory in central Wisconsin.

“Born and raised in Burlington, WI, I have a genuine concern for and connection with the people served by ACEC. I grew up in the dairy farm country of WI. The son of Cloyd and Joan Porter, I am one of four siblings with two older and one younger sisters. My father served as a State Assemblyperson for 14 consecutive 2-year terms and I learned firsthand from him about the political system in WI. I am a former Member of ACEC and return to Oxford Township each fall to deer hunt. I am familiar with the Friendship area and I am excited for the opportunity to return, said Porter.”

“I’m truly humbled for the trust the board members have placed in me and honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the next CEO. I look forward to continuing to work with the dedicated team of directors and employees that serve the member-owners. There are many challenges ahead and together we will continue to work for the benefit of our members in all that we do,” he replied.”

Porter replaces Marty Hillert, the current CEO, when he retires on June 30, 2016 after serving ACEC for 19 dedicated years. “During Hillert’s distinguished career, he has placed ACEC at the forefront of the national cooperative stage. He has served on numerous national boards and committees representing the cooperative over the years and is highly respected for his contributions to the electric cooperative program, both in WI and nationally. “On behalf of the ACEC board, we want to thank Marty for his numerous contributions to our cooperative family, along with his dedicated service to our membership and wish him well in his retirement. Marty has been a respected leader in our

Wisconsin cooperative family and we are fortunate to have had his guidance for so many years. He has made Adams-Columbia the leader it is today,” said Kendal Nichols, ACEC Board Chairman.

“The board selected Porter following a nationwide search conducted over many months. The board takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously and interviewed numerous highly qualified candidates – ultimately selecting Porter. I am very proud of the commitment from the full board in doing its due diligence on behalf of the membership,” said Nichols.

Porter has over 30 years of electric utility industry experience. He is committed to the electric cooperative business model and its principles and enjoys serving the membership. During his career, he has worked with an Investor Owned Utility (WE Energies), an Independent Transmission Company (ATC), a Generation and Transmission Cooperative (Great River Energy) and a distribution cooperative (Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative) where he currently serves as their CEO.

Porter’s experience and educational background have prepared him well for his new role as CEO. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is a graduate of the NRECA Management Intern Program, and is a Registered Professional Engineer (PE) in the State of Wisconsin.

During his career, he has also served in a leadership role in various professional associations and community service organizations. He enjoys volunteering, deer hunting, turkey hunting, handyman work, processing firewood and raising seven wonderful children and enjoying three grandchildren. He and his wife Kim are very excited to return back home to Wisconsin.

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