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National Grid's Flynn Heads WIRES Officers for 2015

WASHINGTON, DC –**John Flynn, Senior Vice President, U.S. Development** at [National Grid](#), is the new **WIRES President** for 2015. He began service January 1, part of a new slate of officers chosen by WIRES members during their Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, last fall.

Flynn, who joined National Grid in 2014, has overall responsibility for U.S. business development in the electric and gas sectors at National Grid. He served as President-Elect of WIRES during 2014 and as Vice President in 2013. Flynn succeeds **Phillip C. Grigsby**, Senior Vice President – Commercial Transmission at [Duke Energy](#).

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as President of **WIRES** for 2015,” Flynn said. “**WIRES** has played, and will continue to play, an important role in the development of energy policies that recognize the critical role of the nation’s transmission grid to security, reliability and the economically efficient delivery of electricity. As we continue to see a sweeping transformations of the nation’s electric generation portfolio – with the retirement of a large portion of our base load facilities and a continued a focus on more renewable energy – transmission will play a more important role than at any time in our history.”

Chosen as **President-Elect**, to serve as the group’s leader in 2016, was **Steven Burtch, Senior Vice President, Business Development** at [AltaLink](#), a **Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company**. Burtch was WIRES’ Vice President during 2014, and was Secretary for 2013.

WIRES’ new **Vice President** is **Bob McKee**, Manager of Regulatory Relations & Policy at [American Transmission Co.](#) Elected to serve as **Treasurer** was **Kathy Shea**, Vice President of Transmission Project Development at [Northeast Utilities](#), while chosen to serve a third term as **Treasurer** was **Gerald Deaver** of [CapX2020](#), who earlier served as Secretary for 2011-2012.

Outgoing President Grigsby was elected to the WIRES Board, where he will serve with holdover members **Lisa M. Barton**, Executive Vice President, [AEP Transmission](#), and two former WIRES Presidents: **Don J. Clevenger**, Senior Vice President, External Affairs at [Oncor Electric Delivery and](#) **Will Kaul**, Vice President, Transmission at **Great River Energy** / [CapX2020](#).

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