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Rummel Receives Co-op Leadership Award

Statewide Association Recognizes Longtime CEO of Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative

Mt. Crawford, Va. – Myron D. Rummel has been honored by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC) with the 2016 Electric Cooperative Leadership Award. The Association’s highest honor, this award recognizes individuals who have been instrumental in the development of rural electrification within the three-state region.

Rummel, who has served as President and CEO of Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) since 2005, accepted his award at VMDAEC’s annual membership meeting on July 25 in Cambridge, Md.

VMDAEC President and CEO Richard Johnstone noted that Rummel served on the board of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC), SVEC’s power supplier, since 2005 and was Chairman from 2013-2016. Rummel also served on the boards of VMDAEC and ACES Power Marketing.

“Myron has been an integral part of the Cooperative’s success for 22 years and successfully guided SVEC through probably the most significant event of SVEC’s 80-year history, the acquisition of more than 52,000 accounts in 2010,” Johnstone said.

Robbie Marchant, chair of the SVEC board, added, “In all he’s done, Myron consistently gives credit to the team. He remains a humble servant to member-owners of the Cooperative and an advocate for the safety and success of those working for SVEC.”

The 2016 Leadership Award resolution cites Rummel’s years of contributions to area business development and the civic life of his community. A member of the Rotary Club of Rockingham County, he serves on the Bridgewater Planning Commission and is a member and Sunday school teacher at Bridgewater United Methodist Church.

In his spare time, Rummel is a Virginia High School League and Old Dominion Athletic Conference football official, and enjoys golf, tennis, scuba diving and flying small planes. He plans to retire on August 31, and has assisted with the transition process for SVEC’s new President and CEO, Michael Hastings, who was announced in April.

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About SVEC: Chartered in 1936, SVEC serves approximately 93,000 meters in the counties of Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren and the city of Winchester in Virginia. Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative was the first electric cooperative chartered in Virginia. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. SVEC supports our armed services and veterans in employment opportunities. For more information, visit www.svec.coop.

About VMDAEC: Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for 15 customer-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives that serve Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The Glen Allen, Va.-based Association provides its member cooperatives with employee and director education, safety training, government relations, and communications services, including publishing *Cooperative Living* magazine, whose circulation in excess of 500,000 makes it the largest in the state. For more information, visit www.vmdaec.com or www.co-opliving.com.



Caption: At left, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) President & CEO Jack Reasor congratulates Shenandoah Electric Cooperative President & CEO Myron Rummel on receiving the Electric Cooperatives' Leadership Award. Rummel served as Chairman of the ODEC board of directors from 2014-2016.