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## **EPSA PRESIDENT JOHN SHELK TO RETIRE IN MID-2019**

WASHINGTON, DC – Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA) President and CEO John E. Shelk today announced he will retire in mid-2019 when his current contract ends.

“Serving as EPSA president for what will be 14 years when Melissa and I leave Washington next summer is the career capstone of over four decades working on a range of public policy issues,” Shelk stated. “I’m very proud of EPSA’s many accomplishments promoting well-functioning competitive wholesale electricity markets, which continue to deliver benefits to consumers, the economy and the environment,” Shelk added.

“On behalf of EPSA’s Board of Directors, I want to thank John for his many years of excellent service,” said EPSA Chair Mauricio Gutierrez, President and CEO of NRG Energy. “EPSA is fortunate to have a strong staff team working with its members to promote competitive power markets. EPSA members have reaffirmed their strong support for the organization, which continues to grow and effectively advocate for competitive market policies.”

The EPSA Board of Directors has retained the global organizational consulting firm Korn Ferry to assist it in the search for EPSA’s next leader. In addition, the EPSA Board has asked Shelk to advise the board during the search process and lead plans for a smooth transition next year.

“The EPSA Board, staff team, and our many allies will continue to work diligently to promote competitive power markets through vigorous federal, regional and state advocacy efforts,” Shelk stated. “I look forward to working closely with the EPSA Board and Korn Ferry to ensure an orderly and effective leadership transition at a critical time for the power sector.”

“I first came to Washington over 40 years ago as a high school student serving as a House floor page when Congress enacted federal energy policies based on mandates, not markets. In the ensuing decades, initially as a Congressional staff member and later in the private sector, I’m grateful to have played key roles in moving energy and environmental policies in a market-based direction. First with natural gas and then with electricity, competition has delivered tangible benefits, but only when policymakers let market forces function as intended,” Shelk concluded.

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Launched over 20 years ago, EPSA is the national trade association representing leading independent power producers and marketers. EPSA members provide reliable and competitively priced electricity from environmentally responsible facilities using a diverse mix of fuels and technologies. Power supplied on a competitive basis collectively accounts for 40 percent of the U.S. installed generating capacity. EPSA seeks to bring the benefits of competition to all power customers.