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Subject: *NIPCO Honors Former Director With N Award*

Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative presented its N Award to retired NIPCO director Gilbert “Gib” Phillips Tuesday, April 1 during the cooperative’s annual meeting.

Phillips retired in April 2007 after serving 19 years on the NIPCO board representing Western Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association, a group of six municipal electric companies. He was secretary of NIPCO’s board from 1993 until his retirement.

Phillips, who was an insurance agent in Manning, joined the Manning Municipal Light Plant board in 1986. The members of that board chose Phillips to represent their community utility in WIMECA, and later Phillips became WIMECA’s representative to NIPCO, which provides wholesale electric power to WIMECA and its other member cooperatives.

The N Award recognizes Phillips’ efforts to advance the rural electrification program. He is the 34th recipient of the award.

Phillips and his wife Joan now split their time between Surprise, Ariz., and Lake Panorama, Iowa.

Also at NIPCO’s annual meeting, the NIPCO board re-elected all officers. That includes Alan Lucken of North West Rural Electric Cooperative, president; Charles Widman of Woodbury County REC, vice president; Marvin Klein of Harrison County REC, secretary; and Louis Reed of Western Iowa Power Cooperative, treasurer.

NIPCO, a Touchstone Energy cooperative headquartered in Le Mars, is a wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative owned by six rural electric cooperatives and also by a full-service municipal electric cooperative serving six western Iowa towns. Touchstone Energy is a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 662 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 46 states deliver energy and energy solutions to more than 30 million customers every day. Touchstone Energy cooperatives serve their members with integrity, accountability, innovation and a long-standing commitment to communities.

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