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### ***NREDA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTED TO Dennis G. Hall, CEcD, CKAE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND, OR***

Portland, Oregon, July 11-13, 2010 – A delegation of over 75 members of National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA) attended the Association's annual conference in Portland, Oregon, on July 11-13, 2010 at The Benson Hotel. **Honored at the NREDA Awards Luncheon was Dennis G. Hall, CEcD, CKAE, Economic Development Manager, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, NE as the “2010 NREDA Rural Economic Development Leadership Award” recipient.**

The Rural Economic Development Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership in the field of rural economic development. NREDA seeks to honor deserving individuals across America. Nominees may be economic development professionals or rural electric cooperative/rural telephone staff or board members. Nominees are those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in an economic development project resulting in the improvement of the quality of life, creation of new jobs, and opportunity for growth and development in rural America.

This is a very prestigious honor. Dennis Hall was chosen by a national selection committee representing electric and telephone cooperatives from across the nation. NREDA is a vital network of rural economic development professionals providing expertise and national leadership on rural issues.

Dennis Mingyar, NREDA Awards Chair says, “Dennis Hall is the epitome of a rural economic developer. His vision, leadership and guidance to the profession have made him a source of knowledge and guidance. He is the type of individual that other economic developers look to emulate and follow. He is someone we turn to with our questions and our needs.”

The Annual Conference theme of “*Positioning Rural America for Success!*” brought in over a dozen presenters from all facets of economic development. The Conference supports NREDA's mission to provide education, advocacy and networking opportunities to rural and suburban utilities and affiliated

organizations. Also recognized as recipients of the President's Award were Georgia EMC and Sherry Rose with Wabash Valley Power Association due to their commitment to Rural Economic Development and leadership within NREDA.

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