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Federation Welcomes New Executive Director

Sherwood Park, AB – The Federation of Alberta Gas Co-ops Ltd. is excited to announce the appointment of Tom Kee to the position of Executive Director.

Mr. Kee brings with him an extensive wealth of knowledge regarding the rural natural gas co-ops and gas utilities, with several decades of experience either working for utilities or for the provincial government's Rural Utilities Branch. Since 2013 until earlier this year, Mr. Kee had been the Director for Rural Utilities and looked after regulating gas, electric, and water utilities operating in the rural areas of Alberta. He joined the Federation last April as the Manager of Program Administration, overseeing the administration of the Rural Gas Grant Program as well as the Easements department. More recently, he had begun representing the Federation at Canadian Standards Association meetings.

“The Board of Directors are very pleased with the results of the Executive Director search, and are excited to move with the appointment of Mr. Kee. To have found someone with the internal knowledge of the Federation and its Members along with his experience in Government has given the Board confidence.”

- *Bert Paulssen, Chairman*

“I am excited to have the opportunity to provide leadership for the Federation, rural gas co-ops, and the rural municipal utilities, to help strengthen our ability to grow, be sustainable, and diversify. I am proud to be part of delivering a safe, reliable, and environmentally-responsible product to rural Albertans.”

- *Tom Kee, incoming Executive Director*

In July, Federation Executive Director Lyle Kuzik announced he would be retiring early in the new year after 10 years in that role. He had also previously been Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Director for Zone 3, and was Operations Manager for a year prior to becoming Executive Director. Mr. Kuzik oversaw the Federation administration during a time of growth which included gaining Field Accreditation for Measurement, Automated Meter Reading accreditation for not only Federation utilities but gas utilities across Canada, and the additions of the Easements department and the Rural Gas Grant Program. The Board extends our greatest appreciation for all his work, and the best of luck in his future.

Mr. Kee will begin to transition into the role of Executive Director until officially taking over the role in January.

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