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## **Marcus Harris Named ODEC President and CEO**

**Glen Allen, VA** -- The Board of Directors of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC), one of the nation's largest and most successful Generation and Transmission Cooperatives, announced today that it has named Mr. Marcus Harris to serve as the organization's next President and CEO. ODEC Board Chairman Bill Andrew, President and CEO of Delaware Electric Cooperative, said, "In order to continue to successfully fulfill its mission to provide reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible power to its 11 Members, ODEC needed a strong servant leader with a proven background in operations, organizational leadership, resource development, and above all, a passion for the Cooperative business model and its principles. We are very confident that we have hired a person in Mr. Harris who possesses all those qualities and will competently move ODEC forward."

Prior to joining ODEC, Harris served as Executive Vice President and CEO of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative in Topeka, KS, a position he held since 2014. Prior to his tenure as CEO there, he served in a number of positions during a 23-year stint at South Carolina Electric and Gas Company including General Manager of Renewable Energy, Director of Wholesale Power Marketing, Manager of Operations Planning and Manager of Electric Operations.

Mr. Harris' educational and executive accomplishments include a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Master's degree in Engineering with business emphasis, both earned from the University of South Carolina. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of South Carolina and has completed the Reactor Technology Course for Utility Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Harris joins ODEC as the organization's eighth President and CEO and succeeds Mr. Jack Reasor who served in the role for the previous 19 years. Harris, a South Carolina native, has a wife and two sons, is active in his church and community, and volunteers his time to work on behalf of the United Way and the American Heart Association among others.

As Harris and his family transition to the Richmond, Virginia area, he notes that he and his wife,

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Allison, are "very excited to make Virginia our new home." In preparing to lead ODEC, Harris stated, "I am honored that the ODEC Board chose me to lead their outstanding generation and transmission cooperative into its next chapter. Allison and I look forward to getting to know the ODEC family and to taking on the challenges that will face ODEC in the coming years as the utility industry continues to evolve." Harris will officially assume the reins at ODEC on April 2.

The hiring of Harris culminates a comprehensive search effort that began in August 2017 when ODEC's Board of Directors selected a search committee, chaired by Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative President and CEO John Lee. The committee worked closely with leading executive search firm CarterBaldwin to identify the ideal executive for this role and secure candidates that fit that profile. "The ODEC CEO job is a premiere position, at a premiere Generation and Transmission Cooperative, and accordingly, attracted highly qualified candidates from throughout the country," Lee stated, adding "Mr. Harris rose to the top of a very impressive list of candidates, in a very disciplined, detailed, and thorough search process, and we strongly believe that his skills, experience and leadership will bring great value to ODEC, and allow it to continue to effectively meet the needs of its Membership."

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**About ODEC:**

Headquartered in Glen Allen, Virginia, ODEC is a not-for-profit, member-owned, power supply cooperative. It supplies the wholesale power requirements of its 11 member electric distribution cooperatives, which provide reliable, affordable electricity to 1.4 million people in 70 counties in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. Learn more at [www.odec.com](http://www.odec.com).

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