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ACEEE Honors Outstanding Utility Energy Efficiency Programs

Washington, D.C. (January 16, 2019): ACEEE is proud to honor 53 of the United States' leading energy efficiency programs with the Exemplary Program Award. In a national review, ACEEE selected these programs based on their innovation and effectiveness in helping customers increase energy efficiency in their homes and businesses. The awards accompany ACEEE's publication, *The New Leaders of the Pack: ACEEE's Fourth National Review of Exemplary Energy Efficiency Programs*, which profiles model programs.

"These programs deliver energy savings that not only help customers save money, they also benefit the environment by reducing carbon emissions and other pollutants," said Martin Kushler, a senior fellow with ACEEE. "Moreover, since these programs save energy at lower costs than other forms of new supply, the whole economy benefits. This is truly a 'win-win' situation."

Seth Nowak, lead author and project manager, said ACEEE conducted this national review to recognize outstanding energy efficiency programs and honor the people and organizations responsible for their success.

The 53 recipients include both electric and natural gas utilities, and span a wide range of program types and technologies. Programs range from low-income residential to strategic energy management for large businesses, and from high efficiency lighting to complete building retrofits.

"What is striking about the results of our review is the large number of high quality programs we found all across the nation," observed Kushler. "We were able to recognize exemplary programs in 23 different states, which illustrates how widespread the efforts to promote energy efficiency have become."

The full listing of programs can be found in the **report**.

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy acts as a catalyst to advance energy efficiency policies, programs, technologies, investments, and behaviors.