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## Statement of John A. Anderson, President of the Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON), Announcing his Retirement Effective December 31, 2015

This is my official announcement – I will be retiring from ELCON on December 31.

I know that it's a cliché, but I do have very mixed emotions.

On one hand, as many have said before me, this leaves me much more time to spend with my wife, kids, and grandkids. I will travel. I have hobbies. I may even visit some of the museums that I have heard are somewhere in this area.

But ELCON has been an important part of my life – in fact, in some ways it has been at the core of my life – since 1980, when I first joined the association, and since 1984 when I came became its head.

Many of the issues have changed, though a few have continued through the years. But what has truly been the common thread– despite what many people think – is that ELCON really is a consumer organization. ELCON member companies may be larger consumers than the average homeowner, but their objectives are the same – a reliable supply of electricity at prices that are just and reasonable. That has been what ELCON members have sought since our organization's founding in 1976, and that has been at the center of my work for ELCON since I joined.

With the help and support from a talented staff and some very active member companies, I think ELCON has advanced the cause of large and small electricity consumers during my tenure. But there are still many challenges on the horizon. The electricity industry is changing in many ways. In many regions the infrastructure is old and it is stressed. The transmission system is being asked to do things that it has not done before. Organized Markets, to be frank, have emerged as exercises in re-regulation – and not always to the advantage of consumers

ELCON members will continue to play a major role. We will continue our activities as the national association representing large industrial electricity at FERC, in the halls of Congress, before NERC, and wherever the challenges present themselves.

In truth, I will miss being part of the action. But I look forward to retirement and living my life in a post-ELCON era.

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ELCON, established in 1976, is the national association of large industrial users of electricity from virtually every manufacturing sector. ELCON members seek a reliable supply of electricity at competitive prices and have long supported federal and state efforts to achieve that objective. More information about ELCON is available at ELCON's website, [www.elcon.org](http://www.elcon.org).