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CHARLES ACQUARD JOINS ELCON

Charles "Charlie" Acquard has joined the Electricity Consumers Resource Council (ELCON) as Vice President, Government and Public Affairs. He is replacing Marc Yacker who will retire at the end of the year.

Until recently Acquard served as Executive Director of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA). He had previously served as the senior legislative representative for the American Public Power Association and before that he worked on Capitol Hill. He has a law degree and an undergraduate degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Acquard stated that he will "look forward to working on behalf of large industrial electricity consumers. Electricity is an important resource for America's manufacturing base – we need a reliable supply of electricity at just and reasonable prices to keep our industrial base strong."

Yacker has been with ELCON for 20 years. Before that he was director of legislative affairs for the American Forest & Paper Association. Prior to that, beginning in 1968, he spent 13 years on Capitol Hill.

ELCON President John Hughes said that "while we will miss Marc, we are pleased to have Charlie join our team. He understands electricity issues from the consumer perspective. I anticipate a seamless transition."

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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.