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#### STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS PRESIDENT EDWIN D. HILL ON KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE DECISION

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – While we are deeply disappointed with the U. S. State Department’s decision not to move forward with the Keystone XL pipeline, we are more concerned that a vital project that would create 20,000 construction and manufacturing jobs, generate \$585 million in state and local taxes plus another \$5 billion in property taxes and strengthen North America’s energy independence, has been ensnared in the political deadlock in Washington.

The IBEW continues to support the Keystone XL pipeline, and we are treating today’s decision as a temporary setback. We believe that the decision-making process has been caught up in political gamesmanship. To those Democrats who oppose the pipeline on well-meaning but misguided environmental grounds and those Republicans who routinely vote against every jobs bill except Keystone, we pose this question: What are your plans to replace the 20,000 jobs that are now on hold?

We believe that American workers and communities deserve better.

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