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Kacy Wickenhauser and Joe Priestley complete the Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program

Bloomington, IL — Thursday, July 13, 2017— Corn Belt Energy employees Joe Priestley, Director of Technical Services, and Kacy Wickenhauser, Vice President of Utility Services for Corn Belt Energy, have completed an intensive program in electric utility management with the University of Wisconsin, - Madison.

The Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin. The program guides participants through all facets of the electric utility industry, including the many changes occurring around the nation.

Priestley and Wickenhauser are two of only a few electric utility management professionals that will graduate from the Management Internship Program this year.

MIP participants go through three 10-day sessions designed to challenge and educate participants in new, innovative management techniques. Participants leave with a better understanding of what consumers want and how to ensure they get it.

By also covering the unique principles that govern the operations of electric cooperatives, the program helps the co-op analyze other business ventures it may want to enter as well as enhancing the core organization.

Only rural electric cooperative CEOs and top level management participate in the program. This allows greater emphasis of study, on management challenges and the aspects of consumer-ownership that cooperatives enjoy. Participants learn focus on member value as part of day-to-day decision making.

Priestley and Wickenhauser have completed one of the most exclusive educational programs in the nation for electric cooperative management.

About Corn Belt Energy

Started in 1938 to bring electricity to rural Central Illinois, Corn Belt Energy Corporation now distributes electricity to over 35,000 households and businesses throughout 18 counties. One of the largest cooperatives in Illinois, Corn Belt Energy employs 85 people, maintains over 5,000 miles of line, and distributes electricity from the Wabash Valley Power Association, a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana. As a not-for-profit energy cooperative, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing reliable, affordable energy. Governed by 13 directors who are themselves residential members, Corn Belt also supports energy efficiency, education, and safety initiatives. Learn more at www.cornbeltenergy.com.

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Photo cutline:

Joe Priestley, Director of Technical Services for Corn Belt Energy, completes the Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) in March 2017.



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Kacy Wickenhauser, Vice President of Utility Services for Corn Belt Energy, completes the Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) in April 2017.