## LIUNA JOINS POWER FOR TOMORROW

Labor Adds Support For Sensible Regulation of Utilities

**Virginia** – Power for Tomorrow (PFT), a coalition of energy, labor, consumer, business and policy thought leaders, today announced the addition of Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA) to the organization. Launched last month, PFT is dedicated to educating the public about the failings of electric utility deregulation and advocating for sensible, consumer-focused energy.

"LiUNA is proud to join Power for Tomorrow, and lend our energy and support to ensuring that organized labor continues to be a core component of sensibly regulated utilities," said **Terry O'Sullivan, General President of LiUNA** on today's announcement. He continued: "Winter Storm Uri resulted in a tragedy that led to millions of Texans losing power for days. Utility deregulation played a major role in the Texas grid being unprepared. LiUNA members are proud that in the regulated states where we help build and maintain the electrical infrastructure, that we keep the power on or restore it quickly when disaster strikes. Without sensible regulation of utilities, organized labor loses out and customers suffer infrastructure maintenance undermined by lessskilled, disrespected and underpaid workers."

Organized union labor is a core component of state regulated and vertically integrated electric companies, and efforts to deregulate a state's electrical utilities often include union busting activities. Power for Tomorrow looks forward to the continued progress to come on this issue alongside LiUNA and other member organizations and experts.

## **About Power for Tomorrow**

Power for Tomorrow is a nonpartisan organization with a mission to protect consumer interests by advancing the cause of sensible regulation of electric utilities. PFT joins the national conversation on how to protect consumers, ensure reliability and advance the development of clean energy. To learn more, visit <u>www.powerfortomorrow.org</u>.

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