

# WIRES Winter Meeting, February 15

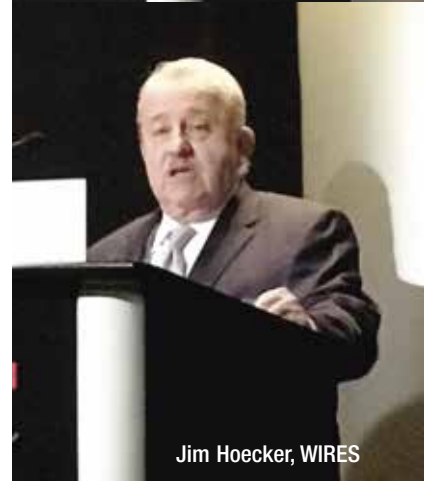
Held at the Canadian Embassy, the aptly-named association for transmission development headed by former FERC Chair Jim Hoecker, WIRES, put on a show on spurring grid buildout. Among the speakers were Nina Plaushin of ITC, Tom Kuhn and Lawrence Jones of EEI, Sergio Marchi of the Canadian Electricity Association, and Clair Moeller of MISO.



Nina Plaushin, ITC



Maryscott Greenwood, Canadian-American Business Council



Jim Hoecker, WIRES



EEI president Tom Kuhn



First panel with industry leaders from both countries



Kirsten Hillman, Canada's Deputy Ambassador



Lawrence Jones, EEI



Paul Dumais, AVANGRID

Several speakers voiced strong support for the energy provisions (Chapter Six) of the North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, currently being negotiated by the U.S., Canada and Mexico. To modernize it, but certainly to maintain the Chapter.



Tom Kuhn, EEI



Speaking, Lisa Viscidi, Inter-American Dialogue



Sergio Marchi, Canadian Electricity Association



Second panel on North American trade issues and the grid