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Washington, D.C. — This week, President Trump nominated Deputy Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette to be his next energy secretary, replacing Rick Perry who plans to leave the helm by year's end.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will take up the nomination before sending it to the full Senate for approval.

In a statement on the nomination, **USEA Executive Director Barry Worthington** said:

“Deputy Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette is an exceptional choice to lead the Department of Energy.

“Brouillette’s management experience and understanding of energy issues is unparalleled. He gets it, from the granular details, to the long view of energy’s impact on national security, the value of innovation and global partnerships.

“We work with the Energy Department across teams, among leadership, and I personally feel Secretary Perry and Deputy Secretary Brouillette have been unique trailblazers who have made a big difference to our industry’s progress. They have helped drive our energy abundance and drive down costs down for consumers now and into the future. This has helped our industry expand energy access globally to ensure our national security and the security of our allies.

“Our teams at USEA work with DOE on domestic and international programs. We help expand the use of natural gas in India and assemble American and Chinese industry and government stakeholders to discuss energy cooperation. We work closely with DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy, the Office of Electricity Delivery, and the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.

“Secretary Perry and Deputy Secretary Dan Brouillette have transformed the Department of Energy. They have been champions of clean energy innovation and expansion of diverse energy supplies across the globe. They have visited the country’s 17 national labs, lauded their progress, encouraged their potential and highlighted their life-changing discoveries to the rest of the world.

“Under their leadership, DOE has streamlined the permitting process for LNG exports and they have helped improve energy efficiency, credited for reducing U.S. emissions and managing our natural resources.

“Energy is the foundation for economic growth. USEA’s central mission is to increase energy access globally, expand the use of clean energy technology, build economies and alliances. We do this with strong leadership from this administration—The White House, the Energy Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

“Secretary Perry brought to the department a refreshingly authentic problem-solving style, a vivid view of energy innovation, and a goal for energy access and international cooperation. We believe Deputy Secretary Dan Brouillette with his own unique style will continue that legacy and execute sound energy policy.

“We support the nomination of Dan Brouillette to be the next energy secretary and encourage

the Senate to approve his nomination expeditiously.”

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