

## **Empire Diversified Energy, Inc. Announces the Appointment of Kevin P. O'Rourke, as its Chief Financial Officer**

Follansbee, West Virginia / October 6, 2025 / (OTC Markets News Release) Empire Diversified Energy, Inc. (OTC Markets Pink: MPIR) (the "Company") is pleased to announce the following:

Mr. O'Rourke adds over 20 years of experience in corporate finance, accounting, and strategic leadership to the Empire team. He is recognized for guiding companies through multi-billion-dollar transactions, financial restructurings, and mergers and acquisitions while implementing strong internal controls and governance.

Most recently, Mr. O'Rourke served as Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Finance to a large nuclear power company, where he oversaw worldwide financial operations. Mr. O'Rourke was responsible for securing a new credit facility and led to a \$5 billion dollar loan application to U.S. Department of Energy for advanced nuclear technologies.

O'Rourke holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Robert Morris University and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

*Frank Rosso, Chief Executive Officer of Empire Diversified Energy, stated: "Kevin's deep expertise in finance, risk management, and operational execution will be invaluable as Empire Diversified Energy continues its growth. His leadership strengthens our executive team at a critical time in the Company's trajectory."*

*Mr. O'Rourke added: "Empire Diversified Energy is uniquely positioned in the energy and logistics sector, and I am excited to contribute to its mission of innovation and growth while delivering lasting value to stakeholders."*

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### **About Empire Diversified Energy, Inc.**

Empire Diversified Energy, Inc. is a multifaceted holding company with business units in the sustainable energy and logistics sector. Empire's primary location is in Follansbee, West Virginia, where it operates the Port of West Virginia within its Eco-Industrial Complex. The Complex is strategically located along the Ohio River, serving the crossroads of the East Coast and Midwest through its trimodal facility. Empire is currently deploying a host of innovative technologies supporting the pathway to clean energy generation across transportation, waste, steel, warehousing, and related industries.

### **Forward-looking Information**

This press release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including expectations about future performance and the Company’s growth strategy. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These risks include market conditions, regulatory changes, supply chain disruptions, and other risk factors described from time to time in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Any forward-looking statement made in this release speaks only as of the date hereof. Empire Diversified Energy undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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