WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) is pleased to announce that Lawrence M. Ziemba, vice president of refining at Phillips 66, has been named chairman of the board of AFPM and Joseph W. Gorder, chairman, president and CEO of Valero Energy Corporation, has been named vice chairman.

Mr. Ziemba and Mr. Gorder were unanimously elected by AFPM's Board of Directors. Mr. Ziemba most recently served as vice chairman of AFPM's Board of Directors and assumes the responsibilities of outgoing Chairman Gregory J. Goff, chairman, president and CEO of Tesoro Corporation. Mr. Gorder has been a long-time member of AFPM's Executive Committee and Board.

"Larry Ziemba has been a staunch advocate for our industries and is greatly respected within the industry by his peers. He brings decades of refining experience to this job," noted Chet Thompson, president and CEO of AFPM. "Joe Gorder also brings years of experience in the energy and refining industry, which will be of critical importance as we look to grow our industries' standing and influence in the coming years.

"Larry and Joe understand that America's refiners and petrochemical manufacturers produce the products we rely on every day, from transportation fuels to components found in everything from cell phones to medical equipment to clothing and body armor for our police and armed services," added Thompson.

A native of Chicago, Mr. Ziemba started his career at Unocal's Chicago refinery and has worked for various energy companies such as Shell, Tosco, and served as ConocoPhillips president of Global Refining, prior to working for Phillips 66. Before Mr. Gorder assumed the role of chairman, president, and CEO of Valero, he held several leadership positions at Valero, including president of Valero Europe.

"Both individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and unique experiences that will serve AFPM's members well." added Thompson. "I am grateful for their leadership, counsel, and willingness to serve as we look to change the narrative and work with a federal government that sees our industries as a partner and an integral component in rebuilding our economy."

Mr. Ziemba and Mr. Gorder will serve two-year terms that end at the close of the 2019 AFPM Annual Meeting.

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