



Contact Tobias Sellier, Senior Director of Media Relations and Communications at [TSellier@PublicPower.org](mailto:TSellier@PublicPower.org) or 202-467-2927

## **Kansas City Board of Public Utilities receives national award for community service**

**Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022** — The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities in Kansas City, Kansas, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has a commitment that goes beyond utility services to its customers. Kansas City BPU strives to improve the community in which it operates through a comprehensive corporate social responsibility effort. This includes donations and sponsorships, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, and a coordinated response aimed to help customers overcome COVID-19 challenges. Kansas City BPU and its employees contribute and invest financially in a number of local initiatives, including the area's Summer Youth Program and the Customer Hardship Payment Assistance & Utility Assistance programs.

Additionally, Kansas City BPU encourages its employees to give back through volunteer service activities. Service projects have included delivering meals to families on Thanksgiving, back-to-school supply funding, and a toy drive to support homeless children during the holidays. Kansas City BPU also undertook numerous initiatives to assist customers impacted by the pandemic, including putting in place and extending flexible payment arrangement options and waiving late payment and reconnection fees.

###

*The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 96,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.*