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Vermont Public Power Supply Authority controller receives leadership and managerial excellence award

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — Crystal Currier, controller for the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority in Waterbury Center, Vermont, received the Mark Crisson Leadership and Managerial Excellence Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award recognizes managers at a utility, joint action agency, or state or regional association who steer their organizations to new levels of excellence, lead by example, and inspire staff to do better.

Prior to the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA), Crystal managed the small municipal utility in the village of Hyde Park, Vermont. She left Hyde Park to become VPPSA's controller where she has managed all of the authority's financial activities for nearly two decades. In her current role, she has been instrumental in maintaining the authority's strong financial position. Crystal has successfully assisted multiple VPPSA members with revitalizing their financial procedures. When Ludlow Electric Light Department lost its controller, Crystal arrived on site and helped staff with accounting, payroll, and financial reporting. Similarly, when Barton Village found itself without a utility manager, Crystal stepped in to assist. She led the effort to digitize the utility's procedures, enabling staff to conduct operations from home during the pandemic. Crystal is an outstanding manager who steps in and supports her colleagues when needed.

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