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Missouri River Energy Services president & CEO receives leadership and managerial excellence award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — Thomas (Tom) Heller, president & CEO of Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, received the Mark Crisson Leadership and Managerial Excellence Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. 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.

Tom's leadership has helped raise the performance of MRES employees and the organization to higher standards. Tom inspires employees to achieve common goals through his continual focus on the mission, vision, values, and core purpose of the utility, which all emphasize that MRES will enhance the value of its members and their customers through the provision of energy and energy services. In addition, in 2019 Tom encouraged his team to develop an MRES Employee Culture Statement that explains the shared attitudes, values, goals and practices that characterize the organization. From high-level strategic planning, to individual employee work plans, the welfare of MRES members and community is at the heart of everything Tom does.

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