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Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority general manager receives leadership and managerial excellence award

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — David Osburn, general manager of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority in Edmond, Oklahoma, 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.

David joined the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA) in 2007 as the director of operations and became the general manager in 2013. Before coming to OMPA, he served nine years as the general manager and CEO of Richmond Power and Light in Indiana. Under David's leadership, OMPA has seen several changes and advancements, such as adding new member cities, implementing complex energy markets, and generating plant additions. He was also responsible for the development of OMPA's Public Power Awareness Campaign, "Our Local Power," which assists Oklahoma municipal utilities in communicating the importance of public power in their communities. David currently serves on the Members Committee of the Southwest Power Pool and is the vice chair of the Boards of Directors for APPA and the Transmission Access Policy Study Group.

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