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Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association CEO receives individual achievement award

Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021 — Jack Kegel, CEO of the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association in Plymouth, Minnesota, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

Under his leadership, the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) has grown from having five employees and a budget of less than \$700,000 to 30 employees and a budget of \$5.3 million. Additionally, Jack has strengthened MMUA's resources in the core association function of government relations. MMUA continues to improve its visibility and credibility with legislators and key state agencies and forged strong working relationships with other industry players, including IOUs, co-ops, and environmental and consumer advocacy groups. He has led MMUA to become a national leader in safety and training. Since 1999, MMUA has owned and operated a municipal utility training center on an 18-acre campus in Marshall, Minnesota. For many years, MMUA has partnered with APPA in hosting educational opportunities at the training center and has trained students from around the country. Jack is planning to retire this fall after a 33-year career in public power.

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