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CDE Lightband general manager receives individual achievement award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — Brian D. Taylor, general manager of CDE Lightband in Clarksville, Tennessee, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

Brian has been dedicated to CDE Lightband and electric utilities for 38 years. He has a wide range of experience and knowledge that has helped him lead the organization and the many associations with which he is involved. He played a key role in taking CDE Lightband into the broadband business and through dedication and focus he was able to grow a struggling business to one that is successful and well led. He has led a thriving organization that is known as a premier leader in the AMI, SCADA and other utility best practices that many other organizations model themselves after. Brian is a tireless advocate for all things and all people in the electric utility world. He is dedicated to not only his employees but works to represent all industry employees. Brian's leadership in the industry serves as an example for many young leaders entering the industry, and he has become a strong mentor to many of them.

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