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**Nebraska Public Power District President & CEO receives individual achievement award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Tom Kent, President & CEO at the Nebraska Public Power District in Columbus, Nebraska, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

Tom has been with the Nebraska Public Power District since 1990, becoming President and CEO in 2020. His colleagues in the sector attribute his success to his curiosity and willingness to embrace new challenges and opportunities. Outside of NPPD, Tom has taken on significant leadership roles, including serving on the APPA Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, as well as the Executive Committee of the EPRI Board and the Nebraska Power Association. Recently, he completed a decade of service on the Members' Committee of the Southwest Power Pool, where he provided a strong voice for public power within the RTO. Additionally, Tom was appointed to the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council to represent the APPA and public power and has chaired The Energy Authority Board.

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