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**Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems receives national energy innovator award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, of Salt Lake City, Utah, received an American Public Power Association Energy Innovator Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award honors utilities that have developed or applied creative, energy-efficient techniques and technologies to their work, in order to provide better service to electric customers or projects that increase the efficiency of utility operations or resource efficiency.

To address challenges posed by aging infrastructure and extreme weather risks to the grid, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems partnered with four member utilities to pilot continuous monitoring technology through the deployment of 50 small pole-mounted and self-powered monitoring devices. These pole-mounted devices, powered by small solar panels, were installed in strategic locations to monitor grid performance and detect anomalies such as mechanical degradation, equipment failure, weather-related stress, and wildlife interactions, reducing outage time, eliminating manual inspections, and streamlining response. The program demonstrated how continuous, smart monitoring efforts can save costs and enhance reliability. Additionally, the technology supports grid modernization efforts, enabling utilities to transition to a smarter, more resilient infrastructure.

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