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Kissimmee Utility Authority vice president of corporate communications receives public power service award

New Orleans, La., June 19, 2018 —Chris Gent, vice president of corporate communications at Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) in Florida, received the Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This award recognizes individuals for their service to the American Public Power Association.

Chris has served in leadership roles in the utility industry at the local, state, and national level. He has been chair of the American Public Power Association's Customer Connections Section and the Public Communications Committee. He frequently presents at the Association's National Conference, Business & Financial Conference, and Customer Connections Conference on customer service, public communications, and key accounts. KUA has earned 10 Excellence in Public Power Communications Awards and five Annual Report awards from the Association. Overall, under Chris' leadership, KUA has won more than 300 local, state, national, and international communication awards for public relations programs, special events, community relations, and publications.

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