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**Kissimmee Utility Authority manager of transmission and distribution operations receives public power service award**

**Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021** — Aaron Haderle, manager of transmission and distribution operations at Kissimmee Utility Authority in Kissimmee, Florida, received the Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes individuals for their service to the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Aaron began his career with Kissimmee Utility Authority in 1997 as an electric groundsman, eventually becoming a lineman first class before working his way into management. Aaron actively participated and received honors in lineman competitions, including the Florida Municipal Electric Association's (FMEA) Florida Lineman Competition and the APPA Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo. In addition to serving as a competitor in the past, he currently serves on the planning committees for both FMEA's and APPA's lineworker competitions and serves as APPA's master judge.

Aaron has been a frequent speaker at APPA's Engineering & Operations Conference, serving as chair and vice chair of the Safety Section in 2014 and 2015. He served as an advisor to APPA in the development of the APPA DEED-funded initiative that established the APPA eSafety Tracker program and is an active leader in APPA's RP3 Review Panel, serving as the panel's Safety Representative. In 2018, he was elected by his peers on the panel to serve as chairman for a 6-year term. He also served on the inaugural planning committee for APPA's "Light up the Navajo" project to help address some of the challenges of bringing electricity to the Navajo Nation.

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