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Kissimmee Utility Authority president and general manager receives public power service award

Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019 —James C. Welsh, President and General Manager at Kissimmee Utility Authority in Kissimmee, Florida, received the Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in Austin, Texas. This award recognizes individuals for their service to the American Public Power Association.

Welsh has been president and general manager at Kissimmee Utility Authority in Florida since 1982. He led the utility's expansion from 85 employees and 18,000 customers to 320 employees and 76,000 customers. Under his leadership, KUA has been honored for reliable electric operations, storm restoration efforts, and community service. The utility has received numerous awards for excellence in financial reporting, workplace safety, and communications. Welsh served on the American Public Power Association's board from 1997-2003, and has held other key leadership roles in his community. He is past chair of the Kissimmee/Osceola Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Kissimmee Rotary Club, and past president and regional governor of Toastmasters.

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