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**CDE Lightband Chief Operations Officer receives public power service award**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Keith Cutshall, Chief Operations Officer with CDE Lightband, received the Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The award recognizes individuals for their service to the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Before entering his current position with CDE Lightband in Clarksville, Tennessee, Keith accrued more than 30 years of service as a public power journeyman lineworker. He has served as a member of APPA’s Safety Manual Revision Task Force; Reliable Public Power Provider, or RP3, Review Panel; and COVID-19 Tactical Team. Keith also acted as Chair of APPA’s Safety Committee and Vice President of the Tennessee Valley Lineman’s Rodeo Committee. Keith continues his service by instructing classes through the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association for upcoming leaders in public power.

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