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**Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation President & CEO receives public power service award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Kimberly Schlichting, President & CEO at the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, received the Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award recognizes individuals for their service to the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Kimberly is the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation’s President & CEO, overseeing the joint action agency, which provides wholesale power supply and other services to nine member communities that serve about 140,000 customers. Previously, she served as COO and Senior Vice President of Power Supply, growing DEMEC from three to 19 full-time employees to meet the needs of its members. Kimberly previously participated as a member of the APPA Board of Directors and Executive Committee, as well as the Nominating and Awards Committees. She was an early advocate of the Light Up Navajo Pilot Program in 2019 and has made the project a personal mission of hers ever since. She has traveled to the Navajo Nation in support of Light Up Navajo, bringing with her volunteer crews from DEMEC member communities. Kimberly regularly attends APPA’s Legislative Rally and other national conferences, previously receiving the Mark Crisson Leadership and Managerial of Excellence Award in 2019.

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