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**Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems general manager and CEO receives American Public Power Association's exceptional leadership award**

**New Orleans, La., June 19, 2018** — Douglas Hunter, General Manager & CEO of Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), received the Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This award is the highest award granted by the American Public Power Association. It recognizes exceptional leadership and dedication to public power.

Doug has been a public power stalwart for 38 years. As chair of the American Public Power Association in 2015, he helped the Association adopt its first comprehensive three-year strategic plan. Led by Doug's vision, UAMPS has implemented a novel Carbon Free Power Project that includes what could be the nation's first small modular nuclear reactor project. Doug's collaborative leadership style has resulted in an outstanding partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Idaho National Laboratory, state governments, and many world-class private vendors and suppliers. In 2017, Doug was awarded the Energy Pioneer award by Utah Governor Gary Herbert during the annual Governor's Energy Summit. Doug has been progressive and forward-thinking, encouraging and helping public power to keep up with rapidly changing technologies and regulation. He is committed to helping customers realize that electricity is the invisible fabric that holds our communities together.

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