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**Ewell Lawson receives national public power award**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Ewell Lawson received the Alan H. Richardson Statesmanship Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The award honors public power leaders who work to achieve consensus on national issues important to public power utilities.

Ewell has worked extensively in public power advocacy, most recently with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance. In 2022, he served as chair of APPA’s Legislative & Resolutions Committee, helping to ensure a range of member perspectives informed public power’s national policy positions. Moreover, from June 2018 to June 2021, he served as chair of APPA’s Advisory Committee, which is composed of leaders from public power state and regional associations and helps APPA reach members in the advocacy space. During this period, Ewell also served as an ex officio member of the APPA Board of Directors. Ewell has been actively involved in APPA’s Government Relations Working Group and the annual Legislative Rally, providing invaluable feedback for APPA on various policy matters.

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