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### **Lincoln Electric System chief executive officer receives national public power award**

**Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019** — Kevin G. Wailes, Chief Executive Officer of Lincoln Electric System (LES) in Lincoln, Nebraska, received the Alan Richardson Statesmanship Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in Austin, Texas. This award honors public power leaders who work to achieve consensus on national issues important to public power utilities.

Wailes has been an active member of the Association for more than 35 years. He has represented public power in cyber and physical security forums, national policy discussions, and mutual aid engagements. He contributed significantly as an Association board member and as co-chair of the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, an industry-government partnership. Wailes challenges LES to find innovative ways to meet customers' current and future needs, while balancing low rates and reliable service with environmentally sustainable options.

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