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**Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives CEO receives national public power award**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Nicki Fuller, CEO of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives and former Executive Director of the Southwester Power Resources Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma, received the Alan H. Richardson Statesmanship Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans. The award honors public power leaders who work to achieve consensus on national issues important to public power utilities.

Nicki previously served as the Executive Director of the Southwestern Power Resources Association, where she championed the rights and interests of federal hydropower customers before Congress and various federal and state agencies, including the Department of Energy. Nicki held multiple leadership positions, such as Vice Chair of the NRECA Preference Customer Committee as well as Chair of the APPA Advisory Committee and PMA Task Force. Additionally, she was a member of the APPA Board of Directors and participated in the Executive Committee and Board of the National Waterways Association. Nicki was active presenting at panels and educational sessions with the Corps of Engineers to improve federal power production for SPRA members. She recently became CEO of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives and serves on the Grand River Dam Authority Board.

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