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**Etna Green Electric and Water Superintendent receives national award**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Barry Baker, Electric and Water Superintendent for Etna Green, Indiana, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The award recognizes managers of small utilities serving fewer than 2,500 meters. These managers have a very small staff and must assume multiple roles. The seven hats they must wear are: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community leadership.

Barry is one of only two current utility employees in the town. He oversees power and water and often assists in overseeing wastewater operations. This year marks 32 of service to Etna Green, during which Barry has proven instrumental to the town’s day-to-day and long-term planning operations. He can often be seen working in the field, alongside the town’s other utility employee, to repair poles or streets. Moreover, he has served in the Indiana Municipal Power Agency Board of Commissioners since 2014, where he advocates for small public power communities. Barry recently encouraged the town council to approve a contract extension with IMPA to plan for continued rate stability.

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