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Troy Utilities operations manager receives national award

New Orleans, La., June 19, 2018 —Bernard “Pudder” Linne, operations manager for Troy Utilities in Indiana, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award at the American Public Power Association’s national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This 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.

Pudder oversees planning, design, and finances for electric, water, and wastewater utilities as Operations Manager for Troy Utilities. He plays an important role in many town projects and leads by example and is often out in the field working with other employees. Pudder helps put together a newsletter for Troy electric customers. He helped the town secure several grants for infrastructure and community improvements. Pudder has been part of the Troy Volunteer Fire Department for more than 32 years and served as the fire chief for 18 years.

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