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Eagle River Light & Water utility manager receives national award

New Orleans, La., June 19, 2018 —Patrick Weber, utility manager of Eagle River Light & Water in Wisconsin, 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.

Patrick has been the utility manager of Eagle River Light and Water since 2009. Before that, he was an electrician and electric crew member in the same community. He oversees three utility departments and strives to ensure that his employees have the training and resources to be successful. He manages all customer relations including customer conservation and education programs. He is a journeyman line technician and can often be found working alongside his line crew. Patrick is a member of WPPI Energy's board of directors. A passionate hockey fan, he served as President of the Eagle River Recreation Association for many years. He recently retired after 26 years as chief of the Eagle River Fire Department.

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