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Spanish Fork City Mayor receives American Public Power Association's public official award

Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021 — Steve Leifson, Mayor of Spanish Fork, Utah, and a board director of the Utah Municipal Power Agency, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Leifson has been active in APPA since 2007 and has been a member of APPA's Policy Makers Council since January 2010. As a Utah Municipal Power Agency director, serving multiple terms as chair and vice Chair, he has traveled to Washington, D.C. for every APPA Legislative Rally since 2007 to meet with his congressional leaders. For the past 10 years as a member of the Policy Makers Committee, he has attended mid-year visits to Washington in support of the public power agenda. As mayor of Spanish Fork, he frequently meets with state legislative leaders to protect the interests of public power and local control. For the past 13 years, Mayor Leifson has attended APPA's National Conference and participated in the Public Power Day of Giving. Over the years, he has carried the public power message and demonstrated a strong commitment to public power.

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