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**CPS Energy Board Chair receives American Public Power Association’s public official award**

**Seattle, Washington, June 20, 2023** — Janie Martinez Gonzalez, Board Chair for CPS Energy in San Antonio, Texas, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Janie has been active with APPA for four years. As a Trustee for one of the nation’s largest municipally owned utilities, she supports the company’s strategy for digitalization shaping the energy sector in order to put more power into the hands of the community. Janie, who is also the CEO of Webhead, founded Cascaron Bash in 2015, an annual event to raise funds for scholarships for minority students and programs intended to address the lack of minority representation in STEM fields and startup communities. The program has generated more than $200,000 for the city of San Antonio.

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*The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 96,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.*