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### **Fort Pierce Utilities board member receives American Public Power Association's public official award**

**New Orleans, La., June 19, 2018** —Michael A. Perri, Jr., board member at Fort Pierce Utilities in Florida, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association.

Michael has been participating in federal and state public power activities since 2010. He was chair of the Florida Municipal Power Agency Policy Makers Liaisons Committee from 2015 to 2017. Michael was appointed to the American Public Power Association Policy Makers Council in 2016 and advocates to protect the interests of public power customers in federal legislation. Earlier, Michael was a heavy equipment operator for 20 years, working on nuclear and fossil fuel power plant construction and maintenance, including the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant and the Treasure Coast Energy Center in Florida.

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