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**Michigan Public Power Agency CEO and GM receives leadership and managerial excellence award**

**San Diego, CA, June 11, 2024** — Patrick Bowland, CEO and General Manager for the Michigan Public Power Agency, received the Mark Crisson Leadership and Managerial Excellence Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in San Diego, California. The award recognizes managers at a utility, joint action agency, or state or regional association who steer their organizations to new levels of excellence, lead by example, and inspire staff to do better.

Bowland joined the Michigan Public Power Agency as CEO and General Manager in 2015. During his tenure, he instituted a formal strategic plan and objectives to guide employee goals, professional development, and performance assessments while empowering staff to work toward a common aim. Furthermore, Bowland enhanced the agency’s risk management policies and analytics, in addition to improving the team’s ability to adapt to a changing utility landscape. Bowland has also overseen growth, onboarding four new members to the PJM market in 2020, which cut the new members’ cost of power by an average of 41% in the first year. Bowland has led MPPA through asset retirements and resource transitions, ensuring that the Agency remains ideally positioned to serve its members.

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