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**Gallatin Department of Electricity General Manager receives leadership and managerial excellence award**

**San Diego, CA, June 11, 2024** — Mark Kimbell, General Manager for the Gallatin Department of Electricity, 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.

Kimbell has emphasized continued process improvement at the utility and broadly across the Tennessee Valley. He ensures employees have various optional learning paths to grow within the organization, and emphasizes safety – and the utility’s safety record of no lost time incidents exceeds seven years. Kimbell’s efforts to improve system reliability include adding two tree trimming crews to maintain vegetation around local infrastructure. Kimbell’s leadership has seen the utility maintain extremely high levels of reliability, support consistent growth, and improve customer service and engagement programs. Kimbell currently serves as the president of the Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association and is an active member of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association.

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