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**Retired Anderson Municipal Light & Power director receives individual achievement award**

**San Diego, California, June 11, 2024** — Tony Pochard, recently retired Director of Anderson Municipal Light and Power, received the James D. Donovan Individual Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in San Diego, California. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the electric utility industry and to public power.

Pochard began his career in public power with the Hamilton, Ohio Department of Electric, where he advanced through roles including Manager of Transmission and Distribution and Director of Electric. Pochard oversaw the construction and rehabilitation of multiple substations to leverage smart grid technology, as well as a nearly 80% reduction in outage frequency. In 2014, he became director of Anderson Municipal Light and Power, where he served until his retirement in 2024. During his tenure, Pochard worked with the Indiana Municipal Power Agency to bring six solar parks to Anderson, improving reliability and providing non-emitting energy to Anderson and IMPA’s other members. Pochard also built relationships with legislators and highlighted the benefits of public power on state and national levels.

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