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**Weatherly Borough Electric Manager receives national award**

**San Diego, California, June 11, 2024** — Harold Pudliner, Borough Manager for Weatherly Borough Electric, received the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in San Diego, California. The award recognizes managers of small utilities serving fewer than 2,500 meters. These managers have a very small staff and must assume multiple roles. The seven hats they must wear are: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, human resources, and community leadership.

Pudliner joined Pennsylvania’s Weatherly Borough Electric as Borough Manager in 1997. In this capacity, he oversees every borough department, including water, sewer, and electric, and his tenure has seen the Borough undertake major upgrades to its road, water, and electric systems. Pudliner also led the upgrade of the Weatherly Substation, which helped improve system reliability and resilience, and oversaw the utility’s installation of generators at the borough’s well systems to ensure uninterrupted operations. Pudliner has served with regional organizations such as the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, as well as the Carbon County Redevelopment Authority and Carbon County Planning Commission.

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