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City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Mayor receives American Public Power Association's public official award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — Rebecca Casper, Mayor of Idaho Falls, Idaho, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association.

Casper has been the Mayor of Idaho Falls and has chaired the Idaho Falls Power Board since 2014. She is a passionate advocate for public power on the local, state and national levels and has been an active member of the APPA since 2014. Her goal while attending national conferences and legislative rallies for APPA is to educate legislators on the importance of local control and help draft legislation in support of public power and run-of-the-river hydroelectric infrastructure. Mayor Casper is recognized as a community leader and has been honored twice as Idaho Women of the Year by the Idaho Business Review. She is a member of many organizations, including Rotary International, the local Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Committee, the City Club of Idaho Falls, the Foundation for Nuclear Studies, the Energy Communities Alliance, Utah Associated Municipal Systems, and the Partnership for Science and Technology. Mayor Casper is an avid public power champion and has a unique understanding of the value public power brings to the communities and customers it serves.

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The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.

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