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PALMER HONORED WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER-DNA AWARD

- Annual award recognizes outstanding employee

COLUMBUS: Michelle Palmer was recognized July 9 as American Municipal Power's (AMP) 2012 "AMP DNA Award" recipient. Palmer is assistant vice president of technical services, and has been with the Columbus-based organization since 1999.

Marc Gerken, AMP president/CEO initiated the annual award in 2008 to recognize an employee who advances AMP's vision and mission as established through its strategic planning process. AMP's vision is "To be public power's leader in wholesale energy supply," and its mission is "To develop, manage and supply diverse, competitively priced, reliable wholesale energy to public power through strategic partnerships and member-focused relationships."

To accomplish its vision and mission, AMP employees must believe in, and demonstrate, the core values of the organization: cooperation, integrity, innovation, action-oriented, effective communication and member focused. These values serve as the organization's "DNA" and are a critical foundation to its ability to succeed and serve member communities. As such, Gerken believed it appropriate to establish a program that would recognize employees who best demonstrate the values/DNA of AMP as a way to highlight to both its staff and members the importance of the key organizational criteria it strives to meet.



Palmer receives AMP DNA Award

Gerken asked the staff to nominate their fellow workers for the award. They were asked to provide not just a name, but the reasons why their nomination should receive the award. "There were a number of strong candidates nominated this year making the task of selecting the recipient even harder," Gerken said at a full staff meeting, where the selection was announced.

Palmer started with AMP as a transmission and distribution engineer, bringing a great deal of industry experience. Prior to AMP, she was a distribution planner and engineer for Dayton Power & Light. "Michelle plays a key role for the organization," Gerken said. "She coordinates technical services efforts, including our circuit rider program, lineworker training, safety training and technical services conference. She has been recognized nationally, serving on the American Public Power Association's *Reliable Public Power Provider* (RP3) committee and National Lineworker Rodeo planning committee. Michelle is recognized by AMP members and her co-workers for her professionalism, reliability and dedication to public power."

Palmer resides in Marysville, Ohio.

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About AMP

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 129 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 625,000 customers. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and the open market and energy produced at AMP and member-owned generating facilities utilizing fossil fuel, hydroelectric, wind and other renewable resources. The organization is focused on sustainability and increased use of renewable generation resources. AMP currently has four run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects under construction on the Ohio River. Combined these four projects will add 300 MW of new hydro capacity to the region. AMP is pursuing additional solar, wind and landfill gas projects. For additional information, visit AMP's Web site at www.amppartners.org.

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