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AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER PRESIDENT AND CEO RECEIVES TOP NATIONAL PUBLIC POWER AWARD

SEATTLE, WASH., June 20, 2012 – Marc S. Gerken, P.E., president and CEO of American Municipal Power in Ohio, received the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award at the Association's national conference in Seattle, Washington. It is the highest award granted by the Association and is bestowed in recognition of exceptional leadership and dedication to public power.

Gerken has worked in the public power industry since 1990, when he became city administrator of Napoleon, Ohio. In that role, he got involved in what was then known as American Municipal Power-Ohio, the joint action power supply agency for municipally owned utilities. A civil engineer, he chaired an AMP-Ohio member committee that oversaw construction of a 42-MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric project on the Ohio River. He joined the staff of AMP-Ohio in 1998 as vice president of business operations. In 2000, he was named CEO.

As the agency's chief executive, he has led it through a transformation from a single-state agency to become one of the premier joint action agencies in the nation with members in seven states. The agency, which became American Municipal Power in 2009, to reflect its broader geographic reach, manages and supplies wholesale power for its member municipal utilities. It owns base-load peaking and renewable energy resources. Beyond power supply, the agency also provides technical and financial fitness services, safety training, and tree-trimming services. It runs a comprehensive energy efficiency and demand response program, and fosters economic development, community outreach programs for its member cities.

Gerken has led his members through some of the industry's most challenging transitions. AMP's members operate in the PJM and Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator regional transmission organizations. To enable the agency to keep a strong credit rating, AMP has credit-scored its member communities, since credit rating companies look beyond the joint action agency to the member communities in assessing AMP's creditworthiness.

Gerken has been a leader in the public power industry nationally. He served on the APPA board of directors for several years and was chairman in 2009-10.

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The American Public Power Association (APPA) is the service organization for the nation's more than 2,000 community-owned electric utilities that serve more than 46 million Americans. More info at www.publicpower.org.