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LUS DIRECTOR RECEIVES TOP NATIONAL PUBLIC POWER AWARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 30, 2010) – Terry Huval, director of Lafayette Utilities System (LUS), received the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at the Association's national conference in Orlando, Fla. The Radin award is the highest award granted by the APPA and is bestowed in recognition of exceptional leadership and dedication to public power.

Since joining LUS as director in 1994, Huval has been a national public power leader. He has guided LUS to the forefront of innovation in the electric utility industry, providing rapid response to Hurricanes Lili, Katrina and Rita, providing the most reliable electric service on a day-to-day basis in the state of Louisiana, and maintaining energy costs below the national average.

Huval saw early on the impact of Internet technology on commerce, education and quality of life. To that end, he was instrumental in working with city leaders to build a fiber ring around the city in 1998. This initiative ultimately led to the creation of LUS Fiber, a telecommunications division within the Lafayette Consolidated Government that offers digital video, high-speed internet and phone services to retail customers in the city of Lafayette. His creative inspiration and leadership on municipal broadband has drawn national attention to the importance of a public power utility's right to offer advanced telecommunications services.

Huval's other honors include the Louisiana Engineering Society's A.B. Patterson Medal for outstanding accomplishments in engineering management in 2002, and being named to the Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council in 2004 and 2008 by Governors Blanco and Jindal, respectively. Huval also previously served on the executive committee of Consumers United for Rail Equity, a coalition of rail customers that fights for fair pricing and reliable rail service. He has also testified before House and Senate committees on rail freight and broadband issues, as well as to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on transmission grid issues.

Huval served on the APPA board of directors for many years and was board chair in 2007-08. He is also on the board of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority.

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