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Austin Utilities leaders recognized with industry awards

ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA—September 18, 2026. Two individuals at Austin Utilities were recognized by the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) during its 2026 MMUA Summer Conference held August 17–19 in St. Cloud.

Michelle Orozco, Customer Service Supervisor at Austin Utilities, received MMUA's Rising Star Award. The award recognizes emerging leaders who demonstrate dedication to municipal utility principles through problem-solving, creativity, and job knowledge.

Orozco was recognized for her contributions to several major utility initiatives, including Austin Utilities' AMI meter deployment, development of time-of-use rates, and efforts to support customers affected by changing funding conditions. She was also praised for her commitment to the Austin community and the customers she serves.

Steve Greenman, longtime Austin Utilities Board member and past board president, received MMUA's Community Service Award. The award honors individuals who have provided many years of outstanding service supporting a municipal utility at the local level.

Greenman has served on the Austin Utilities Board since 2018 and has contributed to finance, personnel, water management, and communications initiatives. His involvement with industry organizations and local community groups reflects a longstanding commitment to public service and community leadership.

"Our award recipients embody the very best of public service. Their contributions strengthen community-owned utilities and enrich the communities they serve," said MMUA CEO Karleen Kos.

About MMUA: The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) was established in 1931 to unify, support, and serve as a common voice for municipal utilities. The organization represents community-owned hometown utilities in 186 cities around Minnesota that serve a median 1,275 customers. MMUA also provides safety, training, compliance, strategic planning, and government relations services on-site in locations throughout the Midwest. MMUA is headquartered in St. Louis Park, Minnesota and operates a hands-on training center in Marshall, Minnesota.

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