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Emrick wins prestigious Milton Hunt McGuire Award

VANCOUVER, WA. – Tacoma Public Utilities Director of Utilities Bill Gaines presented F. Max Emrick with the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) Award for Excellence in Engineering or Operations at the Association’s 2010 Engineering & Operations Conference on March 30, 2010, in Tacoma, Wash. The award is given to an engineer and/or operations person who has made contributions to the utility industry in the engineering or operations area. Also known as the Milton Hunt McGuire Award, it was first presented in 1947 and is considered NWPPA’s most prestigious award for a utility employee working in the areas of engineering or operations.

Emrick is currently the assistant generation manager, production engineering at Tacoma Power, and has been in the electric utility industry for 31 years. He started with Tacoma Power in 1978 as a relay and protection engineer, and later went to work for Puget Sound Energy (PSE) in 1982.

“Max has been an advocate, steward, and mentor for the engineering profession,” said Booga K. Gilbertson of PSE. “Max has earned the reputation of a northwest utility industry go-to leader. Our industry is lucky to have such a well-respected, contributing colleague.”



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In 1995, Emrick returned to Tacoma Power to lead the plant engineering group that was reorganized into the production engineering group in the Generation Business unit. During his time with Tacoma Power, he has been actively involved in the Electric Energy Industrial Consortium, the Northwest Energy System Symposium, several Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) regional and national conferences, and the Centre for Energy Advancement through Technological Innovation (CEATI).

“Mr. Emrick was very instrumental in establishing strong professional relationships between our department and the northwest power industries,” said Mohamed A. El-Sharkawi, a professor at the University of Washington’s Department of Electrical Engineering. “Although he is a clear leader, his demeanor with students and his peers is very collegial. It is great to have someone like Max in our community.”

Recent NWPPA award winners for Excellence in Engineering or Operations include William Mittelstadt of BPA (2007), Harlan Warner of Okanogan County PUD (2005), and Brent Crowther of Valley Electric Association (2003).

About NWPPA: NWPPA is an international association representing and serving customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves more than 250 associate members across the U.S. and Canada



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