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NWPPA honors Tim Lammers with inaugural Jim Brands Award

Vancouver, Wash. – The Northwest Public Power Association’s (NWPPA) 2015 Northwest Communications & Energy Innovations Planning Committee has selected Columbia River PUD’s Tim Lammers as the inaugural recipient of the Jim Brands Award for his lifetime commitment to the public power industry and remarkable work in the areas of energy efficiency. The award was presented to Lammers on Tuesday, September 15, at NWPPA’s Northwest Communications & Energy Innovations Conference (NIC) awards banquet at Harveys in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

“In addition to his success in Energy Services, Tim is a tireless public power advocate and a well-respected community member,” said PUD Customer Services Manager Rick Lugar. “There are many deserving nominees for this award in our industry, but I know of few who can match Tim’s commitment to the energy efficiency industry, to public power, and to the betterment of his community.”

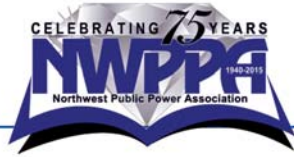
Lammers has served Columbia River PUD customers since 1998, and spent more than 20 years in customer service and energy efficiency prior to joining the PUD. He has received several accolades for his contributions over the years, including being selected as the 2008 Energy Manager of the Year from the Association of Professional Energy Managers and receiving the 2011 Chairman’s Award of Excellence from the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. He was also recognized as the PUD’s employee of the year in 2004. Within Columbia County, Lammers has participated in a variety of civic organizations, including the St. Helens School Board, the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, the Daybreakers Kiwanis Club, and the Ford Family Foundation’s Leadership Institute.

“This award is a tremendous honor for me,” said Lammers. “Jim was not only an industry colleague, but he was a friend and someone I respected.”

This new award honors Jim Brands and his 35-year career in the electric utility and energy efficiency industries. Brands, a previous employee of NWPPA and longtime friend to the public power industry, passed away last year from cancer at the age of 61.



Tim Lammers thanking his industry colleagues upon receiving the 2015 Jim Brands Award for energy efficiency.



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Going forward, the award will continue to be presented at the annual NIC banquet. Current or former employees of NWPPA member utilities are eligible to receive this award. The Conference Planning Committee selects recipients based on accomplishments through at least 10 years of energy efficiency experience; at least 20 years of service to the industry; and promotion of public power through efforts such as community service and energy efficiency.

***About NWPPA:** NWPPA is an international not-for-profit trade association representing and serving nearly 150 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves approximately 300 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. Visit www.nwppa.org, follow us on [Twitter](#), and like us on [Facebook](#) for more information.*