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### **Iverson Receives Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award**

(Bowling Green, Ky.) Mark Iverson, General Manager of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (BGMU), received the 2026 Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award on May 19 during the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's 80th Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. This designation is TVPPA's highest recognition for a member-system general manager or CEO.

Established in 1980 and renamed in 2004 in honor of former TVPPA President and CEO Dick Crawford, the award recognizes outstanding leadership, service to consumer-owned power, dedication to duty, peer recognition, and contributions to the community and Tennessee Valley region.

Over the past decade, Iverson has become one of TVPPA's most respected leaders. He has chaired both the Research & Development Committee and the Contract Compliance Advisory Group, working closely with TVA's Regulatory Assurance Team on issues important to member systems. He also served seven years on TVPPA's Board of Directors, including two years as Secretary-Treasurer.

Iverson has represented the Valley power model at the local, state, and national levels, including participation in TVPPA's annual Valley Rally in Washington, D.C. He was also part of the inaugural class of the Valley Public Power Leadership Academy.

In Bowling Green, Iverson has served on several local boards and helped launch a partnership with Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College that brought public art downtown, including a lightning bolt sculpture symbolizing BGMU's role in the community.

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Mark Kimbell, CEO of Gallatin Department of Electricity, presented the award and praised Iverson as “a respected leader” and “trusted mentor” whose dedication has strengthened public power across the Valley.

Iverson served as Chief Financial Officer at BGMU from 1994 to 1999 and has been serving as General Manager since March 2006.

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### **About BGMU**

*Bowling Green Municipal Utilities provides electricity, water, wastewater services and high-speed commercial data services to the Bowling Green area. The utility serves over 30,000 electric customers, 22,000 water/wastewater customers and 980 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, [www.bgmuh.com](http://www.bgmuh.com).*

### **About TVPPA**

*Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA) is the nonprofit, regional service organization that represents the interests of consumer-owned electric utilities operating within the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) service area. Since 1946, TVPPA has united the voices of the 153 local power providers that serve more than 10 million people across the seven-state Tennessee Valley region. We are dedicated to supporting member systems — municipal utilities and electric cooperatives — through advocacy on key issues and providing nationally recognized education and training, conferences, and opportunities to share ideas as we collaborate to address common challenges.*