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MESO Public Power Conference to be held



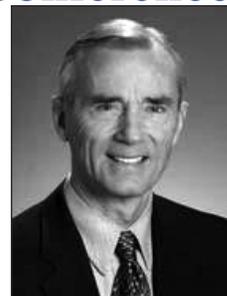
Once again it will soon be time for the annual MESO Public Power Conference,

sponsored by the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA), and the Municipal Electric Systems of Oklahoma (MESO). The conference will be held at Reed Conference Center/Sheraton Midwest City Hotel, 5800 Will Rogers Road, in Midwest City on April 21-23, 2013. The theme for the 2013 MESO Public Power Conference is "Peaking Power Performance."

The conference is geared towards energy services staff, customer service personnel, as well as electric superintendents and linemen. These staff members represent 80 municipally owned electric systems from cities in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri. Many city managers/administrators, board of directors, management staff and front-line employees attend this conference.

The purpose for the yearly conference has always been to provide participants with new programs, ideas, processes and equipment that might benefit their utility. Additionally, the conference offers opportunities to discuss industry best practices with peers.

The opening speaker this year will be **Mark Crisson, president and CEO of the American Public Power Association (APPA).**



Mark Crisson

spearheaded Click! Network, which has become the nation's largest municipally owned telecommunications system.

Crisson served six years as an APPA elected board member and four years as an officer. In 2003, while with Tacoma Public Utilities, Crisson chaired the APPA Board of Directors. In 2005, he received APPA's Alex Radin Distinguished Service Award for exceptional dedication and leadership in public power. During Crisson's tenure on the board, APPA developed a wide range of initiatives that served public power well during the 2001-02 western energy crisis and subsequent development of federal wholesale power supply policy.

Crisson also served on the U.S. Secretary of Energy's Electricity Advisory Board. He is a past chair of the Large Public Power Council, and has earned numerous awards for his involvement in the Tacoma community, including the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Municipal League of Tacoma-Pierce County in 2002.

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OMPA receives an honorable mention award in the category of Green PR/marketing from PR News for marketing efforts of the Oklahoma Comfort Program (OCP). Jennifer Rogers, Member Services Media Specialist, was presented with the award on behalf of Member Services at the PR News' Nonprofit PR Awards Luncheon on March 11 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Jennifer Rogers Photo



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