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## Call for MESO Award Nominations

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MESO awards recognize the good work being done on behalf of Public Power utilities and their customers. Submit your nominations to recognize outstanding efforts. The awards will be presented in conjunction with the 2017 MESO Public Power Conference in April. All nominations are due March 1, 2017 and must be submitted to Tom Rider, MESO's general manager at [tom@meso.org](mailto:tom@meso.org). Submissions are preferred in an electronic format. If you have any questions, please call Rider at 405-528-7564 ext. 2.

### **Clarence Fulkerson Electric System Achievement Award**

Awarded to a MESO member (city/town/utility/joint action agency) that has distinguished itself during the year for its exemplary system enhancement, improvement, reliability or other innovative efforts to improve municipal power in Oklahoma. The Clarence Fulkerson Electric System Achievement Award was named for the utility director in Ponca City who was an early board member at MESO and proponent of municipal power plant ownership.

CRITERIA: Nomination letter should include specifics about what the system has done during the past year, or specified time frame, that meets the criteria of the award as described above. Pictures should be included if appropriate.

### **Marvin Hicks - Al Middleton Meritorious Service Award**

Awarded to an employee from a MESO member city/town/utility who has 25 years of service as a good employee and is/has been very active in their community. This award is named for two of MESO's original Board members - Marvin Hicks, Tahlequah and Al Middleton, Pryor. Hicks and Middleton both helped to grow MESO membership and were committed to the success of their respective communities. Together, they had almost 80 years of service to their communities.

CRITERIA: To be considered for this award, the individual or the person nominating the individual, should provide a letter stating why the individual should be considered for the award. The letter should include details about the individual's work history and active involvement in the community.

### **Ray Duffy Personal Service Award**

Named for Ray Duffy, past president of the Municipal Electric Systems of Oklahoma and an original Board member, the Ray Duffy Personal Service Award recognizes efforts to support and/ or promote public power. Duffy served on the Board from 1971 to 1982, just before his death. He served as electric superintendent in Walters, Altus, and Frederick and was a very active proponent of municipal public power across the state. In 1972 and 1973, Duffy went from city to city encouraging membership in MESO. Additionally, he was a tireless worker for the creation of municipal power plant ownership, leading to the formation of what would become the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority. For his actions and selfless promotion of public power in Oklahoma, this award was created and named after Ray Duffy.

CRITERIA: Nomination letter should describe the individual's active efforts in supporting and/or promoting public power. The letter should include enough detail as to assist the selection committee in fully understanding the individual's efforts.

### **Drake Rice Customer Service Award**

The award was created to recognize individuals in public power who best exemplify the traits of a quality customer service provider. Those traits are: consistent positive attitude towards customers to assist them as needed; a

positive and helpful attitude with co-workers to ensure a cooperative, customer-focused work environment; and, a personal commitment to always giving his or her best in every situation.

CRITERIA: The individual or the person nominating the individual should provide a letter stating why the individual should be considered for the award. The letter should include details about the individual's work performance with regards to the three criteria listed for the award.

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