

## State News for NSPE Members

### PREPA Ordered to Give Customers \$44 Million

The Puerto Rico Energy Bureau has ordered the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) to give energy customers a \$44 million cut in their utility bills, [The San Juan Daily Star reports](#). Officials from the agency said they discovered that FEMA had reimbursed PREPA for \$44 million in fuel expenditures in March.

Also, the agency ordered LUMA Energy to make adjustments to certain aspects of its bills, such as fuel. These changes will go into effect in August and end in September.

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### Utility Company Sued for Allegedly Not Providing Water

Puerto Rico's Aqueduct and Sewer Authority is facing a lawsuit for allegedly not providing services to thousands of residents who lack potable water on a daily basis.

Carmen Maldonado, mayor of the northern town of Morovis, brought the class-action lawsuit, according to [ABC News](#). The lawsuit represents nearly 1,600 residents and seeks \$1,000 for every day spent without water as compensation, alleging that the lack of water has caused more than \$55 billion in damages. Maldonado said the lack of water service has been a longstanding problem in Morovis and that it grew worse after Hurricane Maria hit.

The lawsuit stated that each day, an average of at least three wards within the municipality have no water service, and that the city has spent \$1 million to truck in water for its residents.

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### Missouri PE Takes the Lead of NSPE



Britt Smith P.E., F.NSPE, has started his term as NSPE's 2022–23 president. A formal installation ceremony will take place during the Professional Engineers Conference in Philadelphia on August 2.

"I can say honestly that I could not be more humbled to be the next president of NSPE," Smith stated during the recent House of Delegates General Assembly. "I never dreamed that I would be in this position but knew that I wanted to just give back to the profession that has provided so much for me and my family."

Smith is currently the operations division director for the City of Jefferson, where he manages all aspects of operations related to streets, parking, central maintenance, city facilities, and the airport, and leverages all available resources to accomplish the varying missions of each division. He also has experience as an engineering consultant and served in the US Army. Smith graduated from the Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly the University of Missouri – Rolla) with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering.

Since becoming a member of NSPE and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers in 1997, Smith has held many volunteer leadership positions with the Society including serving on the Committee on Policy and Advocacy, the Honors and Awards Committee, the Delivery System, Communication, and Technology Task Force, and as Missouri's representative to the House of Delegates. Smith was named an NSPE Fellow in 2016. In Missouri, he served in a variety of chapter and state-level leadership positions, including as the 2011-2012 state president and president of the Jefferson City Chapter in 2001.

A strong dedication to volunteering also extends into Smith's local community where he is involved with the United Way of Central Missouri and as a counselor for the Jefferson City Marriage Encounter. He has previously dedicated many years to the local Boy Scouts troop and as a volunteer baseball/softball coach.

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## Reconnect at NSPECon 2022

Attendance at [NSPECon 2022](#) in Philadelphia, August 1-3, is the best opportunity to engage and learn with your colleagues. The conference features multiple education tracks in leadership, trends in the industry, and career development. [Registration is open until July 28.](#)

**Featured Keynote Speaker**



**Commander Mary Kelly, US Navy (Ret.), Ph.D., CSP, CPAE**, will present “6-5-7: The 6 Stages of Any Crisis, Challenge, or Change, the 5 Steps to P.I.V.O.T. for Success, and 7 Leadership Reminders To Lead Through It.” Registered attendees will receive exclusive access to an online vault full of bonus resources from Commander Kelly.

### Conference Session Highlights

- [You Want Me to Lead WHO to do WHAT? Lessons from the Frontlines of Engineering Leadership](#)
- [Reliability and Resilience of Energy Systems under Extreme Weather Events](#)
- [Generation Next: Engaging Multi-Generational Engineers](#)
- [Defending the License](#)
- [Career Development in Practice, Not Theory](#)
- [PE Day Luncheon & Panel Discussion: Engineering Challenges of the 21st Century](#)

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## PE Day is Coming!

Celebrate licensure and the profession with PEs around the world on Wednesday, August 3, during the seventh annual [Professional Engineers Day](#)! Whether you plan to celebrate PE Day at home, in the office, or with your peers at the NSPECon 2022 in Philadelphia, you can show off your PE pride by sporting some PE Day logo wear for this year's event.

NSPE's [apparel shop](#) features the PE Day logo on a variety of items including many styles of t-shirts and other apparel for men, women, and kids, as well as accessories like mugs, notebooks, tote bags, wall prints, and even phone cases.



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