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Jem Brown has worked in the utility industry for more than 30 years. Currently, Jem is the general manager of Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission, a position he has held for the past 11 years. Previously, he worked for Illinois Power Company, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, and Merced Irrigation District in California. Jem has experience in almost all aspects of the utility industry: power supply, operations, marketing and key accounts, regulatory and legislative initiatives, energy services, customer service, media communications, rates, and program development. He has been in a leadership role since very early in his utility industry career. Throughout his career, Jem has been heavily involved in industry organizations and community leadership, including the Cooperative Research Network Task Force, the Touchstone Energy Advisory Committee, and the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin board of directors. In addition, he has served as both vice president and president of Great Lakes Utilities (power supply joint action agency) board. He currently serves as chair of that organization. Jem graduated from Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, with a bachelor of science degree.