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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Get Your Year Started Off Right!



The winter months bring about different conditions for utility contractors around the country. A lot of our southern friends keep right on charging ahead even though they occasionally might have to put on a coat or drain a water truck at night. The far north contingent battles a much more fierce winter monster, and many must simply shut down and do other things. In Colorado, the mountain folks plow snow, while those of us on the front range are sort of in between. We mostly keep on digging, with the occasional shutdown due to nature's wrath.

Regardless of whether your winter time condition is full speed ahead or flying south with the geese, this is also the time of year that you start laying out your plans for the coming season. Budgets are set, forecasts are made, equipment is evaluated and systems fine-tuned. It's the perfect time to take a look at new ideas and equipment that might make your business more successful.

There is no better single event to assist you in gearing up for the 2007 season than NUCA's Utility Construction EXPO '07, which will be held Feb. 11-14 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. NUCA staff and the EXPO '07 Host Committee have worked extremely hard to ensure that your experience at this year's event is the best ever.

In addition to outstanding keynote speakers, exceptional education sessions and unique networking events, EXPO offers the best equipment, services and facilities show there is for our industry. To top the whole thing off, we are holding EXPO '07 at Caesar's Palace, one of Las Vegas' premier hotels and convention facilities. What better place is there to network with your peers, "toga" the night away, get the latest scoop on equipment and possibly have an "Elvis" encounter? And, your Valentine's Day is covered with a romantic dinner at the President's Banquet and Valentine's Dance.

Get your year started off right. Come get involved with NUCA. It will be the best decision you've ever made. Besides, you don't want to miss seeing Elvis no matter what your weather is like.