



News Release

94 UTILITIES HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 29, 2010—Ninety four of the nation’s more than 2,000 public power utilities have earned Reliable Public Power Provider[®] (RP₃) recognition from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. Paul Allen, vice president, engineering at Nashville, Tenn., Electric Service and chair of APPA’s RP₃ Review Panel, presented the designees on March 29, during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Omaha, Neb.

“The RP₃ designation represents a high level of service to communities all over the country,” said Allen, “These 94 utilities stand out as models of safe and reliable utility operations.”

The RP₃ recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, training and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

This is the fifth year that the RP₃ designation has been offered. More information and a full list of designees—recognized in three categories—is available at www.APPAnet.org.

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