



## **News Release**

### **84 UTILITIES HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 21, 2008—Eighty-four of the nation’s more than 2,000 public power utilities have earned Reliable Public Power Provider™ (RP<sub>3</sub>) recognition from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. Terry Huval, director of utilities for Lafayette, La., Utilities System, and chair of the APPA Board of Directors, presented the designees on April 21, during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Indianapolis, Ind.

“RP<sub>3</sub> designees exemplify the highest standards of utility operations,” said Paul Allen, vice president, engineering at Nashville, Tenn., Electric Service and chair of APPA’s RP<sub>3</sub> Review Panel, “These utilities are leading the way in providing reliable and safe electric service to their communities.”

The RP<sub>3</sub> 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 third year that the RP<sub>3</sub> designation has been offered. More information and a full list of designees—recognized in three categories—is available at [www.APPAnet.org](http://www.APPAnet.org).

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