



News Release

82 UTILITIES HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 21, 2011—Eighty two of the nation’s more than 2,000 public power utilities earned Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃[®])¹ 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 21, during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Nashville, Tenn.

“These RP₃ designated utilities should be proud,” said Allen, “They stand out as utilities that are continuing to strive for excellence for their customers and their communities.”

The RP₃ recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development 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 sixth year that the RP₃ designation has been offered. See the [full list of designees](#) recognized in three categories.

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