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### **Fayetteville Public Works Commission receives national energy innovator award**

**Austin, Texas, June 11, 2019** — Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC) in Fayetteville, North Carolina received an American Public Power Association Energy Innovator Award at the Association's national conference in Austin, Texas. This award recognizes utility programs that have demonstrated advances in the development or application of creative, energy-efficient techniques or technologies, provide better service to electric customers or projects that increase the efficiency of utility operations or resource efficiency. Judging criteria also includes transferability and takes into account project scope in relation to utility size.

PWC has developed an innovative way to locate electrical faults in its electricity distribution system. This has allowed the utility to limit outage durations, reduce callouts, and enhance the quality of life for its community. Now, PWC customers know that any outages will be taken care of as quickly as possible. Improved reliability has resulted in savings on labor costs, vehicle maintenance, fuel, vegetation management, and electrical component maintenance.

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