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City of Rock Falls Electric Department receives national achievement award

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — The City of Rock Falls Electric Department in Rock Falls, Illinois, received an American Public Power Association E.F. Scattergood System Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award honors APPA member systems that have enhanced the prestige of public power utilities through sustained achievement and customer service.

The City of Rock Falls Electric Department has invested in long-term reliable leadership. Its Utility Committee is comprised of two residential customers, a commercial customer, three aldermen, and the mayor. The Committee develops capital plans, identifies key performance areas, and sets metrics for their measurement. It also provides long-term strategies to ensure reliability, affordability, and responsibility. Rock Falls focuses on a cleaner energy future and is one of the few Illinois electric systems to have a hydroelectric facility. The hydro plant provides 12.5% of the city's needs, saves customers approximately \$40,000 per month in energy costs, and reduces the city's annual carbon emissions.

The city is committed to helping residents save money on their electric bills by distributing \$175,000 in incentives for energy efficiency projects that have achieved annual savings of more than 500,000 kilowatt hours each year. Rock Falls has been an APPA Reliable Public Power Provider for a decade and has earned the APPA Safety Award of Excellence multiple times.

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