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Sterling Municipal Light Department receives national achievement award

New Orleans, La., June 19, 2018 — Sterling Municipal Light Department (SMLD) in Massachusetts received an American Public Power Association E.F. Scattergood System Achievement Award at the Association's national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This award honors Association member systems that have enhanced the prestige of public power utilities through sustained achievement and customer service.

SMLD is recognized for its first-of-its-kind 3.9-megawatt-hour battery storage system which has won multiple awards, including the Grid Tech Edge Award for one of the nation's top 20 projects. The project was runner up in public voting for the Energy Storage North America award. A "Leading by Example Award" from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognized Sterling's energy efficiency improvements to municipal buildings that resulted in a 15 percent decrease in energy costs. Recently, the utility implemented new geographic information and outage management systems without incurring any debt.

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