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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Recognized Nationally for Reliable Electric Operations

The Jamestown BPU is one of 84 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn Reliable Public Power Provider™ (RP3) recognition from the American Public Power Association (APPA) 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 during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"RP3 designees exemplify the highest standards of utility operations," said Paul Allen, vice president, engineering at Nashville, Tenn., Electric Service and chair of APPA's RP3 Review Panel, "These utilities are leading the way in providing reliable and safe electric service to their communities."

The RP3 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.

Jamestown Mayor and BPU President Sam Teresi noted, "I am pleased and proud for the City of Jamestown's BPU to be recognized and included in this elite group. The award is a true reflection of the commitment of the Board members to providing the highest level of reliable and affordable power *anywhere*. The recognition is a fitting tribute to the efforts and professionalism of the men and women who operate the City's electric utility on a daily basis."

"Safety, reliability, quality and cost are the BPU's strategic planning drivers in our Electric Division," stated BPU Chair John Zabrodsky. "Receiving this designation is a testament to our staff's excellent execution on this planning."

"We're thrilled to join the ranks of RP3 designees around the country," said David Leathers, General Manager of the Jamestown BPU. "This earned seal-of-approval is an endorsement of the quality work our employees do every day in support of our customers and our community."

This is the third year that the RP3 award has been offered. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state- owned electric utilities. It is located in Washington, D.C.