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SMUD earns reliability award from national organization

APPA certifies Sacramento utility as “Reliable Public Power Provider”

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) again is being recognized nationally for outstanding achievement in providing safe and reliable electricity to its customers. The American Public Power Association (APPA) awarded SMUD the “Reliable Public Power Provider” (RP₃) platinum award for this accomplishment. SMUD first earned the two-year designation in 2007.

APPA is the national service organization for the nation’s more than 2,000 community- and state-owned electric utilities serving 45 million people. APPA’s RP₃ program encourages public power systems to demonstrate proficiency in four vital areas: reliability, safety, workforce training and system improvement. SMUD scored 97 points out of a possible 100 and received its RP₃ certification this week at the APPA Engineering & Operations Technical Conference in Austin, Texas.

“The RP₃ designation validates our achievement in serving our customers efficiently and safely,” said Ron Saufferer, SMUD’s director of Distribution Services. “The RP₃ program is essentially a performance review of services to our community. This honor is a credit to the professionalism and dedication of SMUD employees.”

Utilities participating in the RP₃ program must demonstrate sound basic practices and a commitment to safe and reliable service delivery. Reliability represents 30 percent of the total points required. Safety and training each represent 25 percent. System improvement makes up the remaining 20 percent.

For more information on the RP₃ program, see www.appanet.org.

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