

ROCKWOOD ELECTRIC UTILITY RECOGNIZED AS A RELIABLE PUBLIC POWER PROVIDER

Rockwood, TN, June 2, 2017 — The Electric Power Board of Rockwood is pleased to announce that Rockwood Electric Utility has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service. David Lynch, Assistant Director of Utility Operations at Marquette Board of Light and Power, Michigan and chair of the Association's RP₃ Review Panel, presented the **Platinum** designation to Mr. Jim Cooley, Director of Construction and Maintenance, on May 8, 2017 during the Association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference held in San Antonio, Texas.

The RP₃ designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. Rockwood Electric Utility joins more than 220 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP₃ designation.

“Utilities that have earned an RP₃ designation demonstrate public power's emphasis on achieving leading practices and providing a high level of service to communities,” said Lynch. “We are proud to welcome all utilities earning this recognition for the first time and to those renewing their designations.”

“We are honored to receive the Platinum designation and be recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider,” said Kendall Bear, General Manager of Rockwood Electric Utility. “Our staff works hard to provide reliable service and RP₃ recognizes our commitment to serving the community in which we work and live.”

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP₃ designation for 12 years now. The Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The Association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations.

More information on the RP₃ program is available at www.PublicPower.org/RP3.