**ROCKWOOD ELECTRIC UTILITY RECOGNIZED AS A RELIABLE PUBLIC POWER PROVIDER**

Rockwood, TN; April 22, 2020 — Rockwood Electric Utility has earned the **Platinum Level** Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)® designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service.

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 275 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP3 designation.

“Receiving an RP3 designation is a great honor and demonstrates a utility’s commitment to implementing industry best practices in utility operations,” says Aaron Haderle, Chair of the Association’s RP3 Review Panel and Manager of Transmission and Distribution Operations at ‎Kissimmee Utility Authority, Florida. “RP3 utilities are consistently looking to improve their workforce, system reliability, and safety to serve their communities better.”

“This is the third time that Rockwood Electric has received the Platinum level designation as a “reliable public power provider” said Kendall Bear, General Manager of Rockwood Electric Utility. Our employees take a lot of pride in the work they do to serve our community. We are so thankful to be recognized at a national level.”

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The American Public Power Association has offered the RP3 designation for 15 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.