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Groton Utilities Honored With National Award For Reliable Electric Operations

GROTON - Groton Utilities was one of sixty (60) 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. Groton Utilities was one of nineteen (19) utilities to receive a Gold Level Award.

This is the second time in three years that Groton Utilities has received this recognition. In 2007, Groton Utilities was the only New England public power system to receive the Platinum Level Award.

Paul Allen, vice president, engineering at Nashville, Tenn., Electric Service and chair of APPA’s RP₃ Review Panel, presented the designees, during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Austin, Texas. Randy S. Surprenant, General Manager – Electric Operations, for Groton Utilities, was present to receive the award on behalf of Groton Utilities.

“RP₃ designees are shining examples of excellence in utility operations,” said Allen, “These utilities are currently providing their communities with a high level of reliable and safe service while focusing on future improvements.”

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The RP₃ recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development 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.

“We’re thrilled to earn the RP3 designation for the second time in three years,” said Paul Yatchko, Groton Utilities Director. “This recognition is a testament to the quality work our employees do everyday. It emphasizes our employees’ commitment to excellence and performance.”

“It is especially important for our customers to understand the level of our commitment to reliability, safety, training and system improvement,” he said. “Today’s energy environment will continue to challenge us and other utilities across the county, but we believe our mission as a public power utility will continue to allow us to meet the challenges.”

Groton Utilities has been a municipally owned and operated electric utility since 1904 and serves a population of more than 35,000 in the greater Groton area, including Pfizer, Electric Boat and the U. S. Naval Submarine Base. The company also provides water, cable television, high-speed Internet and digital phone services through Thames Valley Communications (TVC), its cable television division.

The American Public Power Association (APPA) is the national organization representing the nation’s more than 2,000 community- and state-owned electric utilities.