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**MARSHFIELD UTILITIES RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS**

Arlington, VA., April 4, 2016—Marshfield Utilities (MU) has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)¹ designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service. Brent McKinney, Director of Electric Transmission and Distribution at City Utilities of Springfield, Mo., and chair of APPA’s RP₃ Review Panel, presented the designees on April 4 during the association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference held in Minneapolis, MN.

The RP₃ designation 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. MU scored 100 out of a possible 100 points earning them the highest level of a diamond RP₃ designation which is awarded for three years. MU is one of 29 utilities that earned the designation this year. In total, 219 of the more than 2,000 public power utilities nation-wide hold the RP₃ designation.

“RP₃ utilities stand out as industry leaders, who dedicate themselves to providing safe and reliable electricity to their customers,” said McKinney. “These designees demonstrate public power’s commitment to constantly improving best practices and raising the bar for other service providers.”

“We’re honored to receive the RP₃ designation,” said Bob Trussoni, General Manager of Marshfield Utilities. “This reflects well on our employees who put in a lot of hard work to serve this community. RP₃ represents a much appreciated recognition of this ongoing effort.”

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This is the eleventh year that RP₃ recognition has been offered and the first year in which MU applied for this award. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state-owned electric utilities. It is located in Arlington, VA.