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**PRESS RELEASE**

**NAED RECOGNIZED FOR RELIABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN 2017**

The North Attleborough Electric Department (NAED) has received, for the third consecutive year, national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2017. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association ([www.PublicPower.org](http://www.PublicPower.org)), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

The Association helps members track outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service and then compares the data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

“This recognition helps demonstrate public power’s commitment to reliable electric service,” said the Association’s Senior Vice President of Engineering Services, Michael Hyland. Public power has a strong track record of reliability, said Hyland. Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the time, compared to other types of utilities.

“We are proud to again receive this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of all our staff , as well as NAED's efforts at system planning, annual Capital Improvement Plan, quality preventive maintenance programs and utilization of current technological tools, to limit system outages and ensure that the lights stay on for all our customers,” said James C. Moynihan, NAED's General Manager.