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PRESS RELEASE

NAED RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR EXCEPTIONAL SYSTEM RELIABILITY IN 2016

The North Attleborough Electric Department (NAED) has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2016. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (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.

Edward Vandette, Chairman of the Board of Electric Commissioners, who is leaving the Board of Electric Commissioners following the Town election on April 4, 2017, said, “It is with a great sense of pride that as my final act as Chairman I have the opportunity through the announcement of this award to, on behalf of the Board of Electric Commissioners, recognize the outstanding and nationally notable efforts of the men and women of NAED to “keep the lights on” in North Attleborough.

Mr. Vandette also noted that the national recognition serves as testimony that factors such as NAED's system planning, annual Capital Improvement Plan, quality preventive maintenance programs and utilization of current technological tools, coupled with a trained and dedicated workforce, have contributed to limiting outages in North Attleborough.