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**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL
RECOGNITION FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS**

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Brett Langille, Chairman of the North Attleborough Electric Department (NAED), announced today that the North Attleborough Electric Department has, for the fifth (5th) consecutive time received the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service.

NAED previously received the designation in 2008, 2010 and 2012 and 2014. The designation in 2008, 2010 and 2012 was for two (2) years each, while the designation in 2014 was for a three (3) year period. This year Mr. Langille noted that NAED will be receiving the "RP₃" designation of "Diamond". APPA's RP₃ designation has three classifications: "Gold", "Platinum" and "Diamond", with "Diamond" being the highest form of recognition. A "Diamond" classification is bestowed upon a public power organization which receives 98% - 100% of the possible total points. NAED's four previous awards were all "Platinum".

David Lynch, Assistant Director of Utility Operations at Marquette Board of Light and Power, Michigan and chair of the Association's RP₃ Review Panel, presented the designations on May 8 during the Association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference held in San Antonio, Texas.

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. NAED joins more than 220 public power utilities, out of more than 2,000 public power organizations nationwide that hold the RP₃ designation.

“Utilities that have earned an RP₃ designation demonstrate public power’s emphasis on achieving leading practices and providing a high level of service to communities,” said Lynch. “We are proud to welcome all utilities earning this recognition for the first time and to those renewing their designations.”

Mr. Langille stated, “We’re honored to be recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider. NAED’s staff works hard to provide reliable service and receipt of the RP₃ recognizes our commitment to serving the community.”

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP₃ designation for 12 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.

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