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KPUB Honored With National Award For Outstanding Safety Practices

May 15, 2023—Kerrville Public Utility Board (KPUB) has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2022. This year marks the fourth time in the last five years that KPUB has been nationally recognized for this accomplishment.

"Safety needs to be the first thing on every utility employee's mind as they go about their work," said Jim Boyd, Chair of APPA's Safety Committee and Electric Operations Safety Manager at Tacoma Power, Tacoma Washington. "The utilities honored by APPA for excellence in this area should be proud of the culture they have instilled in serving their communities."

283 utilities from across the country entered the annual Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2022. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and worker-hours during 2022, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"KPUB has a safety-first culture in our organization, and this award is a testament to that," said Tammye Riley, KPUB director of operations. "We all recognize the importance of going home to our families each day; this is what drives our dedication to safety."

The Safety Awards have been held annually for more than 65 years. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.

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Photo cutline: KPUB's safety committee and linemen pictured with the 2022 National Safety Award of Excellence from the American Public Power Association (APPA).

About APPA

The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.

About KPUB

The Kerrville Public Utility Board (KPUB) was acquired by the City of Kerrville in 1987. KPUB serves approximately 24,000 customers throughout its 146-square-mile service area, including Kerrville, Center Point, Ingram, Hunt, and surrounding areas in Kerr County.

KPUB is overseen by a five-member board of trustees who serve without compensation and who are responsible to the City of Kerrville for the management and control of the system. KPUB is a responsive and efficient locally-owned provider of reliable, high-quality utility service at the lowest responsible price.