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Press Release

RMLD Recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider

Reading, MA – The Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) has earned a prestigious Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service to its customers.

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. To be considered for the RP3 designation, utilities submit a detailed application with accompanying documentation which is reviewed and scored by a panel of nationwide utility experts. RMLD joins more than 275 (of the over 2,000) public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP3 designation.

“I think over the last year or so, we’ve seen the vital importance of running a reliable and safe utility,” says Aaron Haderle, Chair of APPA’s RP3 Review Panel and Manager of Transmission and Distribution Operations at Kissimmee Utility Authority, Florida. “The utilities receiving the RP3 designation have proven that they are committed to running a top-notch public power utility by implementing industry best practices.”

“We as the RMLD team, including our Boards, have worked hard together to achieve the RP3 designation. It is with honor that we accept this award.” said Coleen O’Brien, General Manager of the RMLD. “This is the culmination of years of work by our dedicated staff in engineering, operations, and throughout the utility. The RMLD team really cares about providing safe and reliable power to our communities, and we are committed to continually improving our operations and service.”

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Established in 1894, Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) is a municipal electric utility serving over 70,000 residents in the towns of Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and Lynnfield Center. RMLD has over 29,000 meter connections within its service territory.

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP3 designation for 15 years now. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. APPA advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations.