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### **Jackson Energy Authority Receives RP3 Diamond Recognition From the American Public Power Association**

WASHINGTON, DC/JACKSON, TENN. – Jackson Energy Authority has become one of two utility systems out of over 2,000 U. S. public power utilities to achieve a third RP3 Diamond recognition by the American Public Power Association.

In achieving the RP3 Diamond designation this year the Jackson Energy Authority joined 5 other Diamond recipients and 89 other systems who achieved RP3 recognition.

Paul Allen, Vice-President Engineering Nashville Electric Service and chair of APPA's RP3 Review Panel, presented the awards during the Association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. "The RP3 designation represents a high level of service to communities all over the country," said Allen. "These 94 utilities stand out as models of safe and reliable utility operations."

Monte Cooper, Manager of Operations for the Jackson Energy Authority, took special pride in receiving the top RP3 Diamond recognition for JEA.

"To achieve the top level recognition from APPA is special," noted Cooper. "But to be only the 2nd utility system in the five-year history of this award to receive a third Diamond RP3 makes me extremely proud of the entire Jackson Energy Authority staff."

This is the fifth year that RP3 recognitions have been awarded. Utility systems may apply every alternate year. Jackson Energy Authority has received the RP3 Diamond recognition in the first, third and fifth years of the award. "We have achieved top-level recognition each year we have applied," Cooper emphasized. "That is a special reflection of the Jackson Energy Authority's safe and reliable utility service."

The American Public Power Association developed the RP3 Award to recognize public utility systems for their reliable power delivery, safe work practices and system innovation. RP3 recognizes Reliable Public Power Providers.

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