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FOR THE 8TH CONSECUTIVE TIME, JACKSON ENERGY AUTHORITY **RECOGNIZED WITH DIAMOND RP3 DESIGNATION**

JACKSON, TENN. – Jackson Energy Authority has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)® Diamond designation from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for an unprecedented 8th consecutive time for providing reliable and safe electric service.

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.

While there are more than 275 public utilities nationwide that hold an RP3 designation, the Jackson Energy Authority has received the highest possible recognition, the Diamond RP₃ Award, more times than any other utility in the American Public Power Association.

"Receiving an RP₃ designation is a great honor signifying a utility has demonstrated commitment to industry best practices," says Troy Adams, Chair of APPA's RP₃ Review Panel and General Manager at Manitowoc Public Utilities, Wisconsin. "And ultimately, the culture developed from this pursuit of excellence and continued improvement through the RP₃ program results in measurable value delivered to the local community."

"We couldn't be prouder to have been honored with this designation," said Lara Coleman, Senior Vice President of Electric. "The fact that we have maintained the highest possible recognition for a record eighth time speaks volumes about the work of our employees and validates our dedication to continuing to deliver safe, reliable electric services.

Monte Cooper, President/CEO of Jackson Energy Authority, affirmed the significance of the designation. Noted Cooper, "This Diamond RP₃ designation is a testament to a history of service and commitment by everyone at JEA. This unprecedented eight-time Diamond RP₃ designation is a differentiator in the growth of existing industry or recruitment of new industry. Any industrial or commercial prospect looking to invest in Jackson can be confident in our ability to deliver the service they need.

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP₃ designation for 18 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.

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