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(2022 Photo: Sun Prairie Utilities lineworkers working on S. Bird St. in Sun Prairie.)

Sun Prairie Utilities Recognized for 2024 Reliable Electric Service

SUN PRAIRIE, (Wis.) — Sun Prairie Utilities (SPU) has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2024. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

APPA helps electric utilities track power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service. Once per year, APPA's Reliability Team compares this data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

"Year after year, data consistently demonstrate public power utilities provide highly reliable service," said APPA Director of Research and Development Paul Zummo.

"The utilities recognized here are truly elite when it comes to keeping the lights on.

Their communities should be proud of the hard work and dedication of their local power providers as they earn this truly deserved recognition.”

Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the amount of time that customers of other types of utilities do.

“We are proud to receive this recognition from APPA. SPU is committed to providing safe and reliable electricity to all of our customers through infrastructure improvements and technological innovations. The recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all our staff,” said Andy Hirvela, Interim Utility Manager at Sun Prairie Utilities.

Sun Prairie Utilities ranked in the top quartile, or 25%, of utilities for the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI). SPU’s total score was approximately 33 minutes for the average duration of an interruption per customer. The utilities in the region scored around 89 minutes, while the utilities in SPU’s size class scored roughly 152 minutes.

For more information on Sun Prairie Utilities and its commitment to reliability, visit www.sunprairieutilities.com/safety-and-reliability.

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