



Borough of Chambersburg

A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility

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CHAMBERSBURG ELECTRIC RECEIVES ANOTHER NATIONAL DESIGNATION

Chambersburg – On Monday, May 8, Chambersburg Electric earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service. David Lynch, Assistant Director of Utility Operations at Marquette Board of Light and Power, Michigan and chair of the Association’s RP₃ Review Panel, presented the designations on May 8 during the Association’s annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference held in San Antonio, Texas.

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. Chambersburg Electric joins more than 220 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP₃ designation.

“Utilities that have earned an RP3 designation demonstrate public power’s emphasis on achieving leading practices and providing a high level of service to communities,” said Lynch. “We are proud to welcome all utilities earning this recognition for the first time and to those renewing their designations.”

“We’re honored to be recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider,” said Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager and Director of Utilities for the Borough of Chambersburg. “Our staff works hard to provide reliable service and RP₃ recognizes our commitment to serving the community. I want to especially thank Ron Pezon, Electric Superintendent, and Jeff Heverley, Assistant Superintendent, for their contributions to earning a platinum designation this time from the APPA.”

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP₃ designation for 12 years now. The Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The Association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations.

Pennsylvania has thirty-five borough operated community electric systems and Chambersburg is the largest. Chambersburg is a proud member of the American Public Power Association as well as the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association. Public power systems in Pennsylvania are under the local control of borough councils, serving their communities with inexpensive and reliable hometown utility service.

For additional information on Chambersburg Electric or the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association, contact Ron Pezon, Electric Superintendent at (717) 261-3238 or rpezon@chambersburgpa.gov; or Jeff Heverley, Assistant Superintendent at (717) 261-3236 or jheverley@chambersburgpa.gov .

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania’s only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013). www.chambersburgpa.gov