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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

IN UNCERTAIN TIMES, CHAMBERSBURG BOROUGH ELECTRIC WINS AWARD AS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RELIABLE PUBLIC POWER SYSTEM

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania – Chambersburg Borough operates its own electric utility for the benefit of most of the residents and businesses in this Central Pennsylvania municipality. There are thirty-five similar Boroughs throughout Pennsylvania, but Chambersburg is the largest, and the only one that operates power stations generating electricity for the consumption of the community and in support of the national electric grid. Chambersburg is a proud member of the American Public Power Association as well as the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association (www.papublicpower.org). Public power systems in Pennsylvania are under the local control of borough councils, serving their communities with inexpensive and reliable hometown utility service. Local control means that rates are remarkably low and the investment and staffing necessary to keep the lights on is a major priority.

As a result, Chambersburg has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)[®] designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service. The Borough has won this award several times before, back to 2010.

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 joins only about 275 other public power utilities to earn the RP3 designation; and there are over 2,000 such systems nationwide: www.publicpower.org/rp3-designated-utilities.

“Receiving an RP3 designation is a great honor and demonstrates a utility’s commitment to implementing industry best practices in utility operations,” says Aaron Haderle, Chair of the Association’s RP3 Review Panel and Manager of Transmission and Distribution Operations at Kissimmee Utility Authority, in Florida. “RP3 utilities are consistently looking to improve their workforce, system reliability, and safety to serve their communities better.”

“This is a great honor,” said Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager and Director of Utilities. “Especially in these difficult times, we take a lot of pride in the work we do to power our community. In bad weather, in economic downturns, when people are struggling, keeping low cost reliable power in our community is no small feat; and, it is nice to be recognized as among the ‘best of the best’ on a national level.”

Council President Alice Elia pointed out that “in 2019, Chambersburg increased its commitment to reliable renewable energy, as Council voted to extend our arrangement delivering electricity from power generated by methane from our local landfill as a part of our baseload supply in our power portfolio. In 2020, we are exploring adding community solar to our portfolio of resources as well.”

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP3 designation for 15 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.

If customers have any questions about Chambersburg’s Electric Department, they should call Jeff Heverley, Assistant Superintendent at (717) 251-2418, or by email at jheverley@chambersburgpa.gov.