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Benton PUD recognized as a reliable public power provider

[Kennewick, WA]— Benton PUD has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃)[®] Diamond designation from the American Public Power Association, the highest level awarded, for safely providing reliable 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. Benton PUD joins less than 250 public power utilities of 2,000 nationwide that hold the RP₃ designation. Only 76 utilities nationwide earned the Diamond designation.

“Benton PUD earned the Diamond designation for the second time. Not an easy task to meet but we always strive to be the best,” said Chad Bartram, General Manager of Benton PUD. “We take a lot of pride in the work we do to power this community. We are very happy to get this recognition for our initiative and hard work.”

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Benton PUD serves electricity and wholesale broadband to over 53,000 customers in Kennewick, Prosser, Finley, Benton City and surrounding areas in Benton County with offices located at 2721 W. 10th Avenue in Kennewick and 250 N. Gap Road in Prosser.

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP₃ designation for 13 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.