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## MCMINNVILLE WATER & LIGHT RECEIVES PLATINUM LEVEL DESIGNATION

*For reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement*

**MCMINNVILLE, OR, March 28, 2022**— McMinnville Water & Light has earned a Platinum Level Reliable Public Power Provider (RP<sub>3</sub>)<sup>®</sup> designation from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for providing dependable and safe electric service.

The RP<sub>3</sub> designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Designation levels (Diamond, Platinum, & Gold) are achieved based on meeting certain qualifying criteria. Applications are reviewed by an 18-member panel comprised of national utility experts in safety, transmission and distribution, as well as system planning. MW&L earned a “Gold” level designation in 2019 scoring 87.5 out of 100 total points. In 2022, MW&L earned the “Platinum” level designation and was awarded 97 out of 100 total points. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. MW&L joins 274 public power utilities nationwide that hold the RP<sub>3</sub> designation.

“I think over the last year or so, we’ve seen the vital importance of running a reliable and safe utility,” says Aaron Haderle, Chair of APPA’s RP<sub>3</sub> Review Panel and Manager of Transmission and Distribution Operations at Kissimmee Utility Authority, Florida. “The utilities receiving the RP<sub>3</sub> designation have proven that they are committed to running a top-notch public power utility by implementing industry best practices.”

“Achieving this designation is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of McMinnville Water & Light staff to provide safe, reliable service to our customers. I’m really proud of our team and the quality service they provide to the community,” said Scott Rosenbalm, Electric Division Director of McMinnville Water & Light.

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McMinnville Water & Light is one of the oldest Utilities in the Pacific Northwest and has been providing reliable water and electric services to our community since 1889. Our Mission is to provide our customers sustainable, high quality services that enhance the vitality of McMinnville. For more information, visit mc-power.com.

The American Public Power Association has offered the RP<sub>3</sub> designation for the past 15 years. 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.

