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Vernon Public Utilities Earns Fourth Straight Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Award

Vernon, CA – Vernon Public Utilities (VPU) is pleased to announce that once again, it has been awarded the Diamond Level, Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) award from the American Public Power Association (APPA).

The Diamond Level award is the highest possible designation and represents the top 5% of public power utilities across the United States. This achievement recognizes public power utilities that abide by industry-recognized leading practices while demonstrating high proficiency in four important disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement.

The 2025 RP3 designation, which is in effect for three years, marks VPU's fourth straight diamond level award and second consecutive perfect score. This award recognizes VPU's continued commitment to operating an efficient, safe and reliable electric distribution system.

VPU also demonstrated its continued commitment to workplace safety by receiving the APPA Safety Award of Excellence in 2024. As part of the selection process, VPU distinguished itself amongst over 200 participating utilities. This award is based on low incident rates and robust safety programs, which reflect VPU's strong safety culture and adherence to OSHA standards.

In addition to RP3 and safety, VPU has also been nationally recognized for Excellence in Reliability in 2024 through APPA's eReliability Tracker program. VPU's performance was compared nation-wide, using data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, which placed VPU among the top 25th percentile in the country.

VPU's dedication to maintaining a safe working environment, commitment to staff development, improving its system year over year, providing reliable utility services,

minimizing power outages, and ensuring business continuity are key factors that contributed to the prestigious awards that are recognized by the public power industry.

APPA is the recognized trade association of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power approximately 2,000 towns and cities across the United States. For more information on the APPA RP3 press release, please click [here](#).

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About Vernon

Founded in 1905, the City of Vernon is the only full-service city in California that provides its residents and businesses with reliable and affordable electricity, water, natural gas, fiber optics services, and has its own Public Health Department. With a goal of providing the lowest electric rates in the state by 2030, the city is an economic engine to the Los Angeles area and home to approximately 1,800 businesses that provide \$1.1 billion in taxable spending into the US economy. Learn more by visiting, www.cityofvernon.org.

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