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**NORTHERN WASCO COUNTY PUD HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD  
FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 30, 2007— Northern Wasco County PUD is one of 48 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn Reliable Public Power Provider™ (RP<sub>3</sub>) recognition from the American Public Power Association, headquartered in Washington, DC, for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

The RP<sub>3</sub> recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, training and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as a national RP<sub>3</sub> designee," said Dwight Langer, General Manager of Northern Wasco County PUD. "This is the first year Northern Wasco PUD has entered this national competition which provides an outside, independent perspective of our efforts," he added. "We look forward to continuing to find ways to improve our operations and service to the community. It also allows us to evaluate the quality of reliability, safety, training and system improvement programs and to raise standards as time goes on."

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