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Press Release

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City of Hamilton Electric Department Repeats As Reliable Public Power Provider Award Recipient

Hamilton, Ohio – March 29, 2010 – The American Public Power Association (APPA) has announced that it is recognizing the City of Hamilton Electric Department for earning the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP₃) Platinum Designation. This Designation acknowledges the recipient, the City of Hamilton, for providing its customers, the citizens of Hamilton, with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

Those public utilities receiving the RP₃ Platinum Designation exemplify the highest standard of utility operations, and are leading the way in providing reliable and safe electric service to their communities, according to the APPA. The City of Hamilton received an outstanding score of 96.5 out of 100 possible total points to receive the Designation. The City joins 154 other RP₃ designated public power utilities across the United States, out of over 2,000 public power utilities, in receiving this Designation.

The RP₃ Platinum Designation 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.

“The City is very proud of this Designation. All of our personnel in the Electric Department work very hard to deliver reliable power to our community,” according to Doug Childs, the City’s Manager of Energy Operations. “This Designation certainly does not mean we won’t have outages or service interruptions. However, it does mean we are among the best in the U.S. at responding to outages, thus the shortening duration of these events and also, perhaps more importantly, evaluating these events and upgrading facilities as necessary to help prevent future occurrences.”

This is the third time the City’s Electric Department has received this distinguished Designation, most recently receiving the two-year Designation in 2008. This current Designation will be valid again for two years, from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012.

The City of Hamilton owns and operates all four of the major utilities – electric (generation and distribution), natural gas (distribution), water (production and distribution) and waste water treatment.

The City of Hamilton has owned and operated its electric utility system since 1893. The electric system is an integrated generation, transmission and distribution system serving approximately 30,000 customers, with operating revenues of over \$65 million annually. Consistent investment in the electric system over the years has ensured the most cost-effective, responsive and reliable system possible, resulting in the City providing its customers with a 15-25% savings as compared to other electric energy providers in the surrounding region.

For further information on this Award or the City's Electric System and Energy Operations, contact Doug Childs, Manager of Energy Operations at (513) 785-7236 or Tony Pochard, Manager of Transmission and Distribution, at (513) 785-7208.

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The City of Hamilton, founded in 1791, is the County Seat of Butler County, Ohio. The largest city in Butler County, with a population of approximately 63,000 people, Hamilton is the center for business, finance, industry and government.