

## **BOROUGH OF EPHRATA ELECTRIC DIVISION HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES**

EPHRATA, PA, March 29, 2022 – The Borough of Ephrata Electric Division has earned the American Public Power Association’s Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2021. The utility earned “First in Group A” award in the category for utilities with less than 15,000 worker-hours of annual worker exposure.

“In our industry, safety is the top priority,” said Bob Scudder, Chair of APPA’s Safety Committee and Industrial Hygiene and Corporate Risk Manager at Grand River Dam Authority. “This is a commitment that needs to come from the top down and permeate every aspect of operations. These awarded utilities have embraced this priority, and they deserve to be celebrated.”

318 utilities from across the country entered the annual Safety Awards. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records during 2021. The incidence rate, used to judge entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2021, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“The Borough of Ephrata’s Electric Division values employee safety above all else,” said Bruce Haws, Manager of the Electric Division. “We all recognize the importance of going home to our families each day; this is what drives our dedication to safety.”

The Safety Awards have been held annually for more than 65 years. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide.

### **About the Borough of Ephrata Electric Division**

*The Borough of Ephrata Electric Division operates and maintains the Borough of Ephrata’s electric utility. The Division dates back to 1902, when the Borough purchased the utility from the Lancaster Valley Electric Company for \$7,000. Nine employees maintain an electric system that distributes power to approximately 6,630 customers within the Borough limits. The Division consistently wins awards for reliability and safety, signifying to its customers that they have a dependable and sustainable electric system maintained by skilled people who work safely and efficiently.*

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