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Alaska electric utilities recognized for exemplary safety records

Nine Alaska electric utilities were honored by Alaska Power Association for having excellent safety records in 2007. The awards were presented August 14 at the trade association's 57th annual membership meeting in Barrow, Alaska.

Five utilities received **Alaska Power Association Safety Awards** for demonstrating the best safety records during 2007 in their respective categories. The criteria for APA Safety Awards includes a calculation that combines the cost of workers compensation claims with the rate that such claims occur per hours worked at the utility.

Category 1: Golden Valley Electric Association

Category 2: Alaska Village Electric Cooperative

Category 3: (Tie) Kotzebue Electric Association and Naknek Electric Association

Category 4: Yakutat Power, Inc.

The following seven utilities were recognized with **Alaska Power Association Safety Achievement Awards** for having exceptional records in preventing worker injuries and reducing lost-time injuries. The following utilities experienced zero lost days due to injuries or illnesses:

City of Galena electric utility

Cordova Electric Cooperative

INN Electric Cooperative

Inside Passage Electric Cooperative

Kotzebue Electric Association

Naknek Electric Association

Yakutat Power, Inc.

Alaska Power Association, formerly known as the Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association, is the 57-year old statewide trade association for urban and rural electric utilities. It provides advocacy and program services to help member utilities provide Alaskans with affordable and reliable electric power.

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