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Alaska electric utilities recognized for exemplary safety records

Five Alaska electric utilities were honored by Alaska Power Association for having excellent safety records in 2008. The awards were presented August 7 at the trade association's 58th annual membership meeting in Kenai, Alaska.

Five utilities qualified for Alaska Power Association Safety Awards by meeting or exceeding national safety standards for utilities of similar size. The criteria for APA Safety Awards includes a formula that takes into account the utility's number of lost time incidents and OSHA recordable cases and its workers' compensation experience modification factor.

Awards are given at three levels: award applicants that meet the national standard qualify for a bronze award, those that beat the national standard by 5 percent qualify for a silver award, and those that beat the national standard by 10 percent qualify for a gold award.

The award recipients for calendar year 2008 were as follows:

Gold Award: Kotzebue Electric Association and Naknek Electric Association

Silver Award: Golden Valley Electric Association, INN Electric Cooperative, and Inside Passage Electric Cooperative

Alaska Power Association, formerly known as the Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association, is the 58-year old statewide trade association for urban and rural electric utilities. It provides advocacy and program services to member utilities. APA members supply power to more than a half-million Alaskans in communities from Barrow to Unalaska and down the Inside Passage.

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