



Borough of Chambersburg

A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility

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CHAMBERSBURG RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM RELIABILITY

Chambersburg – Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania’s only municipality supplying both electricity and natural gas. Chambersburg is one of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the Commonwealth, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations.

On March 30, 2017, Chambersburg received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2016. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (www.PublicPower.org), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

The Association helps members track outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service and then compares the data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

“This recognition helps demonstrate public power’s commitment to reliable electric service,” said the Association’s Senior Vice President of Engineering Services, Michael Hyland.

Public power has a strong track record of reliability, said Hyland. Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the time, compared to other types of utilities.

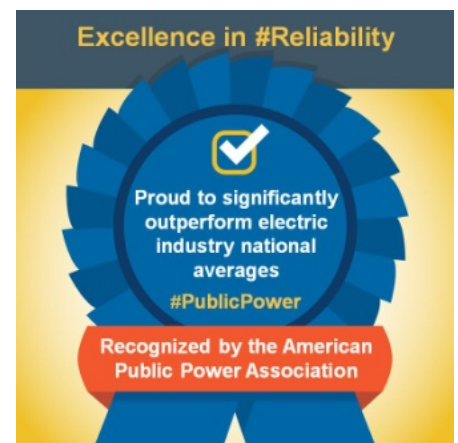
Reliability is no small feat and it translates into dollars and cents for businesses. Keeping businesses operating during storms, with system maintenance, with redundant power systems is tough work. It keeps Chambersburg as a good place for businesses and their employees.

“We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of all our staff to ensure that the lights stay on for all our customers,” said Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager and Director of Utilities for the Borough of Chambersburg.

“Historically, on average, every customer in the Chambersburg system is out of power anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes per year, whereas outside the system, one would expect system reliability averages for their customers to be out of power over 120 minutes per customer per year. Chambersburg prices and reliability are comparable or better than the biggest electric providers in the State,” said Ron Pezon, Electric Department Superintendent at Chambersburg Electric.

Not all residents and businesses in Chambersburg are on the Borough electric system.

Council President Allen Coffman added “that as a non-profit pool, in addition to reliability, Chambersburg shops for the best wholesale electricity deals to keep the retail price of power very low for Chambersburg customers.”



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Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013). www.chambersburgpa.gov



Powering Strong Communities

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN RELIABILITY

This is to acknowledge that

Borough of Chambersburg

*has achieved excellence in reliability by
significantly outperforming the electric
industry national average as reported by
the Energy Information Administration.*



March 30, 2017

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Hyland".

Michael J. Hyland
Senior Vice President,
Engineering Services