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## **Rocky Mount Energy Resources receives Public Power Awards of Excellence**

**Rocky Mount, North Carolina** – Rocky Mount is one of 15 public power communities across North Carolina to receive 2022 Public Power Awards of Excellence from ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc. The awards were presented at ElectriCities’ 2023 Annual Conference held earlier this month in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Energy Resources received Public Power Awards of Excellence in the following categories:

- Strengthen Public Power, which recognizes communities that build public and political support for public power.
- Provide Superior Power, which highlights communities that deliver reliable, affordable and sustainable electric power.
- Customer-centered Innovation, which celebrates public-power providers that innovate and invest to better serve their customers and communities.
- People, which recognizes cities and towns that leverage their people as their greatest asset.

“I’m proud of our electric employees’ commitment to providing safe, reliable, and affordable power to our community. This recognition is a testament to their dedication and commitment they take in doing exceptional work,” said Rocky Mount Energy Resources Director Chris Beschler. “A municipally owned electric system is a tremendous benefit to our city and to our customers. It enables us to deliver reliable service, as well as local jobs and excellence in customer service.”

“There is tremendous value in public power, and this year’s Public Power Awards of Excellence recipients are going above and beyond to demonstrate that value and move public power’s future forward,” said ElectriCities CEO Roy Jones. “These awards demonstrate the connection city/town has in prioritizing local needs, putting their customers first using innovative solutions that provide safe, reliable power, and leveraging their workforce to provide exceptional service to the community. I’m honored to recognize city/town and the public power employees who put

in the hard work each day to power their neighborhoods.”

Nearly 1.3 million people in more than 70 cities and towns across North Carolina get their electricity from public power providers. Since these public power communities own their electric system, they maintain local control and decision making over their operations, providing unbeaten reliability and support for their local economy.

### **About Rocky Mount**

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. The city was recognized as one of 10 winners nationwide of the 2020-21 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 54,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov) for news and updates.

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