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KUB Named Tree Line USA Utility for Fifteenth Consecutive Year

For the fifteenth consecutive year, The Arbor Day Foundation has designated KUB as a Tree Line USA® utility. Each year since 2001, the foundation has named KUB a Tree Line USA utility for following best practices in utility arboriculture in the areas of quality tree care, annual worker training, tree planting and public education.

As one of only 136 Tree Line USA utilities across the nation, KUB is committed to following pruning practices that support safe, reliable electric service and help preserve the health of the tree. Trees add beauty and life to our community, as well as helping to conserve energy and clean our air and water.

On Friday, November, 4, The Knoxville Tree Board hosted an Arbor Day Celebration at Mooreland Heights Elementary School. Joe Castleman, Lead Forester, and Nick Bridgeman, Utility Forester, represented KUB in accepting the Tree Line USA award at the event.

"Trees are a critical part of our community's urban landscape and the proper pruning and care of trees near our utility lines is good for our system, our customers, and the broader community," said Bill Elmore, KUB Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "We appreciate our customers' cooperation and we thank our employees and contractors for the hard work and professionalism that makes the Vegetation Management Program a success."

A strong vegetation management program and KUB's Century II initiative have helped reduce the number of outages customers have experienced in recent years, and in fiscal year 2016 KUB achieved record setting reliability on its system.

KUB serves nearly 200,000 electric customers and maintains more than 5,000 miles of electric lines. KUB appreciates its customers' cooperation as it continues its vegetation management responsibilities to promote safety and support reliable electric service. For more information on KUB's tree pruning and vegetation management services, visit www.kub.org.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 445,000 customers.

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