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October 2-8 is Public Power Week

KUB is pleased to announce its support of Public Power Week October 2-8, 2016. The influence of public power is widespread, with more than 2,000 public power systems serving over 48 million Americans.

Following an amendment of the Knoxville City Charter, KUB began operation in 1939, and has grown in the last 77 years to now service more than 200,000 electric customers in Knoxville and six surrounding counties. KUB maintains 5,265 miles of electric distribution lines over a service area of 688 square miles, and has a current total of 68 substations on its system.

KUB is a designated Diamond level utility, the highest level of recognition in the American Public Power Association's Reliable Public Power Provider Program, which recognizes utilities that demonstrate high proficiency in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. KUB received the three year designation in 2015. "KUB is committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable power to our customers," says Mintha Roach, KUB President and CEO. "And we are proud of the hard work of our men and women, and thankful for the support of the community."

In order to continue providing safe and reliable electric service, KUB launched the Century II program, which is aimed at renewing and replacing infrastructure in all its systems. In the electric system, that includes replacing poles, overhead lines, underground cable, and making upgrades at its substations. This renewal work, as well as robust maintenance programs, led to record setting reliable service in the 2016 fiscal year. Over the past decade, KUB has reduced the impact of power outages by 39%.

KUB is proud to serve this community and will continue to provide reliable service to current customers and to support future growth. For more information on Public Power Week, please visit the American Public Power Association Web site at www.appanet.org. For more information on KUB's Century II program, please 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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