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**HUTCHINSON UTILITIES COMMISSION RECEIVES RECOGNITION  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL SYSTEM RELIABILITY IN 2015**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 3, 2016 – Hutchinson Utilities Commission has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2015. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA)—a trade group in Washington, D.C., that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities such as Hutchinson Utilities Commission.

“This honor recognizes utilities that are statistically thriving when it comes to reliability,” said APPA Senior Vice President, Engineering Services Michael Hyland.

APPA took Hutchinson Utilities Commission’s reliability data compiled through its eReliability Tracker Service and compared it to the top quartile of system outage duration from national reliability data collected by the Energy Information Administration—an independent agency that collects, analyzes and disseminates national energy data.

“We work hard to keep the lights on day in and day out,” said Dave Hunstad, Electric Manager at Hutchinson Utilities Commission. “It’s nice to see that hard work pay off with this kind of recognition.”

For more information on Hutchinson Utilities Commission and its commitment to reliability, visit [www.hutchinsonutilities.com](http://www.hutchinsonutilities.com).