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**LAFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEM RECOGNIZED
FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

LAFAYETTE, LA - April 5, 2022 – Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2021. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (APPA), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

APPA assists electric utilities in tracking power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service. Once per year, APPA’s Reliability Team compares this data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

“Once again, public power utilities have demonstrated their commitment to providing highly reliable power to their customers.” said Alex Hofmann, APPA’s Vice President of Technical and Operations Services. “We commend these utilities for their hard work when it comes to keeping the lights on in their communities.”

The national average of outages for public power customers is less than half of other power providers.

Based on electric service metrics such as System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) and System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI), LUS customers experience less power interruptions and shorter outage times than average nationwide and statewide metrics from other utilities. Average SAIDI statewide (based on information provided by the Louisiana Public Service Commission) is 249 minutes average outage time with a SAIFI of 1.82 occurrences of outages a year per customer. LUS customers average only 37 minutes of outage time and 0.86 occurrences of outages a year per customer.

“We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of all our staff to ensure that we keep Lafayette powered,” said Jeffrey Stewart, LUS Director. “For 125 years, LUS has worked hard to provide reliable and low-cost services.”

For more information on LUS and its commitment to reliability, visit www.lus.org

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Lafayette Utilities System is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year as Lafayette’s publicly owned electric, water, and wastewater utility system. Since 1897, LUS has been serving the Lafayette community providing high-quality, competitively priced services that exceed our customers’ expectations.