



What is RP₃?

The American Public Power Association's RP₃ (Reliable Public Power Provider) designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate leading practices in reliability, safety, work force development and system improvement.

How do utilities apply for the designation?

Applicants earn points for their practices and accomplishments in each of the four disciplines (reliability, safety, work force development and system improvement). Criteria within each category are based on leading-edge business practices and are intended to represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. More information on the application process is available at www.PublicPower.org/RP3.

How are RP₃ utilities chosen?

RP₃ applications are evaluated and scored by an 18-member panel that includes officers from APPA's safety, transmission and distribution, and system planning committees; representatives chosen by APPA's Board Chair; and one member of a joint action agency or state association.

Why should utilities apply?

RP₃ utilities are in a unique position to convey to their customers the commitment they have to providing reliable and safe electric service. Each RP₃ designee has proven itself to be following industry standards of best practices in operations. Many utilities have seen improved performance through the RP₃ applications process. APPA provides tools and resources to help utilities tout their RP₃ designation.

Still have questions?

Visit www.PublicPower.org/RP3 or give us a shout at RP3@PublicPower.org.