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## STOUGHTON UTILITIES HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 23, 2012 – Stoughton Utilities has earned the American Public Power Association's Electric Utility Safety Award for safe operating practices in 2011. The utility earned a first place award in the category for utilities with 30,000 to 59,999 worker-hours of annual worker exposure.

"When it comes to running an electric utility, safety should always be a top priority," said Robert Kardasz, Stoughton Utilities Director. "It's an honor to be recognized on a national level for the work we are doing here locally in Stoughton to keep our employees out of harm's way. Stoughton Utilities continues to lead by example and is dedicated to providing a high degree of reliable and safe electric service to our customers."

More than 275 utilities entered the annual contest. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and judged for the most incident-free records during 2011. The incidence rate, used to judge contest entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2011, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"A lot of work goes into building a strong safety record," said Kardasz. "Stoughton Utilities looks forward to continuing to improve its safety practices as it provides reliable service to the community."

American Public Power Association is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state- owned electric utilities.