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UTILITIES COMMISSION RECEIVES AWARDS FOR SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT

(New Smyrna Beach, Fla.) – The Utilities Commission is the recent recipient of two important industry safety awards. This spring, the U.C. received a safety award from the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA), and from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for its continued commitment to safe work practices during the past year.

From FMEA, the U.C. was awarded second place in category B, which is comprised of utilities with 60,000 to 199,999 man-hours worked. This recognition reflects the commitment to protecting workers' safety, while also ensuring reliable electric service to the customers. In an industry where serious injuries and fatalities are inherent, safety training is the best line of defense in preventing accidents and saving lives.

For the past 29 years, FMEA has recognized the efforts of Florida's public power utilities to stress worker safety as the No. 1 priority. Utilities are placed into categories according to their total man-hours worked, and rewarded for the most incident-free records. The incidence rate used to judge utilities was based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses compared to the total number of worker-hours during 2016, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

From the American Public Power Association, the U.C. received an Honorable Mention award in Group D of the APPA 2016 Safety Awards of Excellence.

"We are proud of our team in their unwavering commitment to safety," said Britney Pitcher, Human Resources Manager. "Safety has been and will remain at the forefront of all we do."

About UCNSB: The Utilities Commission, City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, is one of Florida's 34 municipal electric utilities. The Utility also provides water, wastewater and reclaimed water services to approximately 27,000 customers in the greater New Smyrna Beach area. The Utilities Commission is a non-taxing, political subdivision of the State of Florida and is funded solely through utility revenues. To join the U.C.'s awesome team, check out our open positions at www.ucnsb.org/careers.

