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### **Arcadia Electric Utility Recognized for Outstanding Safety Record**

Arcadia, Wisconsin – Arcadia Electric Utility is one of 35 community-owned electric utilities in the state to receive a 2013 MEUW Safety Achievement Award.

In its fourteenth year, the MEUW Safety Achievement Award is a voluntary reporting system that is sponsored by Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW), the state association representing Wisconsin's 82 public power communities. The selection criteria for the award is a weighted formula that considers a utility's occupational safety record for the past year, as well as its proactive safety activities, such as conducting employee safety training, developing and maintaining written safety procedures and implementing workplace injury prevention measures.

“The MEUW Safety Achievement Award recognizes our member utilities that promote safe work habits, offer regular safety training opportunities to their employees, and who are committed to a safe work environment. These employees perform their jobs in dangerous situations day in and day out, in all weather conditions. We honor these utilities for establishing a strong safety culture,” said Zachary Bloom, executive director of MEUW.

“On behalf of the employees of the Arcadia Electric Utility, we are proud to receive this safety award,” said Tim Putz, Superintendent. “The employees earned this award and should be commended for their unwavering dedication to safety.”

Arcadia Electric Utility has received this Award for 14 of the past fourteen years.

It takes hard work and commitment from the employees on the job site watching out for one another, following safety rules and safe work practices. It also takes commitment from the utility management and governing board to provide the employees with the equipment they need to do the job safely, the training to maintain or improve their skills, and the knowledge, time, and effort to promote proactive safety practices through regular participation in the MEUW Safety Program, seminars and workshops.

Award winners will be recognized during the MEUW Annual Conference in Manitowoc, June 4-6.