Project of the Year Award

NMPP Energy Project of the Year Awards are given to an energy/utility related project implemented within the last three years for the overall benefit of the community. Projects are judged on the benefits created for the betterment of the elected or administrative offices, utility-related employees or customers of the utility.

Eligibility: All communities that are participants of one of the NMPP Energy organizations (ACE, MEAN, NPGA) are eligible to nominate and receive the award.

Award: Award recipients will be recognized at the NMPP Energy Annual Conference on Wednesday, March 24, 2027. **An award of $500 will be given to the local utility or a local project for their use.**

Judging: Award winners will be selected using the criteria suggestions below.

Examples of previous winning projects include:

- Electric distribution conversion
- Construction of new residential homes for low to moderate income individuals
- A project that promotes public power or public gas
- City employees or elected officials involved in the creation or implementation of the project
- Collaboration among multiple departments/groups e.g. other utilities, parks, etc.
- Multi-community organization participation
- Arranging or providing employee training on a regional basis
- Cost savings for the utility or customers – new/improved programs or methods that save manpower, space, materials, equipment or other cost items
- Job creation or retention in community
- Creation of energy-efficiency practices
- Environmental stewardship, e.g. paperless office, tree planting, reducing air/water emissions
- Customer service Initiatives (amending policies to meet the needs of customers)
- Customer communications – creative bill “stuffers”, innovative strategies to communicate policies & information
- Energy education, energy audits
- Downtown streetscapes
- Façade upgrades/downtown redevelopment
- Utility upgrades and rebuilds
- Project using new technology or unusual utilization of an old technology
- Creative marketing or educational campaign
- Youth participation
- Demonstration of exceptional safety performance or homeland/cyber security
- Public space project
- City Auditorium Renovation

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Project of the Year Award Nomination Form

Project name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Name: _____ Your title: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Briefly explain why you are nominating this project your utility/community has conducted or implemented in the last three years. Please also include pictures of the Project of the Year.

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