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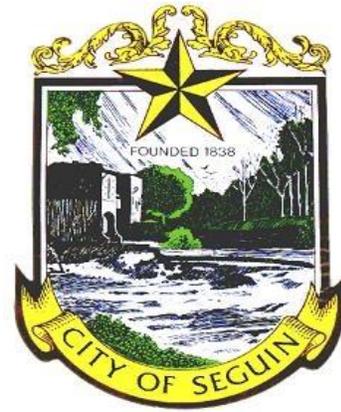
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Mayor Don Keil proclaims October 4 -10 Public Power Week

SEGUIN, Texas – City leaders are highlighting the hard work of the City of Seguin Electric Department staff by proclaiming “Public Power Week” (#PublicPowerWeek), Oct. 4-1. Seguin joins more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 48 million Americans.

Mayor Don Keil met with the department supervisors and staff to sign a proclamation, and thank the linemen who ensure the city has the power to keep growing and moving forward. They fix transformers, replace bad poles and train diligently to safely complete tasks in dangerous situations.

“They don’t get the recognition they deserve,” said Clarence Smith, Electric Utilities Director, “They work on high voltage, energized powerlines every day. It takes more than 4 years to become a fully-trained lineman. It’s a risky job.”

Seguin’s municipality-owned, and operated, electric utility generates revenue for the city, and employs local, skilled workers who take pride in what they do. Public Power Week recognizes their dedication, and the importance of reliable, safe electricity is to our community.

“We’re grateful for all you guys do. Having this kind of quality organization in a town our size is a blessing. Thank you for taking risks and keeping the lights on in Seguin,” said Mayor Keil.

According to the American Public Power Association, on a national basis, private-power residential customers pay about 13% more than public power customers. Plus, public utilities return to state and local governments’ in-lieu-of-tax payments and other contributions are 31% higher than state and local taxes paid for by private power companies.

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Public Power Week: Oct. 4 – 10, 2015



Pictured: City of Seguin Electric Department linemen and supervisors; Clarence Smith, Electric Utilities Director; Mayor Don Keil; Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

****Public Power Week is an annual national event coordinated by the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C. The association represents not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities that power homes, businesses and streets in nearly 2,000 towns and cities, serving 48 million Americans. With no divided loyalties, these utilities are focused on a single mission — providing reliable electricity at a reasonable price, while protecting the environment. More at www.PublicPower.org.*