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KUB Community Relations

KUB a Tree Line USA Utility for 19th Consecutive Year And Celebrates Arbor Day with City of Knoxville

Earlier today, KUB along with City of Knoxville, Tennessee Division of Forestry, and Trees Knoxville, gathered to celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees in Skyline Park in Knoxville. At the event, KUB received the Tree Line USA® award from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 19th consecutive year. KUB earned the award by following best practices in utility arboriculture in the areas of quality tree care, annual worker training, tree planting, and public education.

“In east Tennessee, we are fortunate to have a landscape of trees that provide us beauty year-round from the beautiful fall colors to the cheerful blooms of spring,” said Gabriel Bolas, KUB President and CEO. “KUB remains committed to being a good steward of our trees, and we value the partnership we have with the community in making that possible.”

Each year, KUB plants approximately 250 trees throughout the community. Maintaining a strong vegetation management program allows KUB to provide safe, reliable electric services to our community while also preserving the health of our community’s trees. Trees provide beauty, improve quality of life, support clean air and water, and can also help reduce energy consumption when planted appropriately. KUB encourages the community to plant the right tree in the right place to enhance our environment and maintain utility safety.

KUB appreciates its customers’ cooperation as it continues its vegetation management responsibilities to promote safety and support reliable electric service. KUB serves more than 208,000 electric customers and maintains more than 5,000 miles of electric lines. For more information on KUB’s tree pruning and vegetation management services, and how to plant the right tree in the right place, visit www.kub.org/plantsmart.



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KUB President and CEO Gabriel Bolas, along with KUB Vegetation Management Representatives (left to right) Nick Bridgeman, Elaine Reed, Meredith Nulton, and Barry Jones, accepted KUB's 19th Tree Line USA Award.

KUB is a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties and provides electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 468,000 customers.

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