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# Borough of Chambersburg

*A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility*

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## CHAMBERSBURG RECOGNIZED AS A SMART ENERGY PROVIDER

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**Chambersburg, Pennsylvania** – The Borough of Chambersburg Electric Department has earned a Smart Energy Provider (SEP) designation from the American Public Power Association for demonstrating a commitment to and proficiency in energy efficiency, distributed generation, and environmental initiatives that support the goal of providing safe, reliable, low-cost, and sustainable electric service. Matt Hein, Energy Services Manager of Cedar Falls Utilities in Cedar Falls, Iowa and chair of the Energy Innovation Committee, presented the designations on October 26 in Scottsdale, Arizona during APPA’s annual Customer Connections Conference.

The SEP designation, which lasts for two years (December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2023), recognizes public power utilities for demonstrating leading practices in four key disciplines: smart energy program structure; energy efficiency and distributed energy programs; environmental and sustainability initiatives; and customer experience. Chambersburg Electric joins more than 90 public power utilities nationwide that hold the SEP designation.

“Utilities that earn the SEP designations are going the extra mile beyond providing electricity for their communities,” said Hein. “This designation celebrates utilities that are committed to serving their customers with leading smart energy programs and energy services. These communities should be proud that their utilities are focused on providing excellent service while planning for the future.”

“We are proud to be recognized as a utility at the forefront of smart energy best practices,” said Ron Pezon, Electric Superintendent for The Borough of Chambersburg. “This SEP designation represents Chambersburg’s historic visionary, proactive past practices, and the present day collective Borough-utilities dedication to offering programs that help our customers save money, reduce environmental impacts, and support our community’s responsible energy use for growth of the local economy.”

Chambersburg is Pennsylvania’s largest public power system.

The Electric Department serves over 11,300 electric accounts in South Central Pennsylvania covering a service territory of about 6.5 square miles in the Borough of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Chambersburg’s electric customers, unlike many other public power communities, are still composed of a diverse, healthy, and traditional mix of residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities. To help keep that healthy customer mix thriving, the Borough utility plans many years ahead to arrange its portfolio. Town Council has made it a priority to include adequate quantities of environmentally responsible and efficient energy supplies, peaking power and load reducing resources available on demand to meet the forecasted electric loads. Chambersburg takes management of the wholesale electric supply as one of the key benefits for residents and businesses. It keeps everyone protected from price fluctuations and provides reliable energy, maintaining high levels of reliability, and keeping costs to a minimum, as it has done since about the year 1893.

In Chambersburg, the Borough shops for your power supply needs.

With standard public power and public-private partnership power contracts operational in its energy portfolio for 2022, the renewable resources alone are expected to total nearly 28% of the Borough's annual energy requirements:

- 1) New York Power Authority Niagra-hydropower (3%),
- 2) Landfill Gas to Energy facility (with Energy Power Partners), an Environmental Protection Agency, Joint - "Project of the Year 2013" Award winning project, fondly named the "Extension Cord" (16%), and
- 3) Chambersburg Solar Center, a 2021 joint venture (SunTribe/PPL Safari) community solar Project (9%).

Chambersburg is one of 35 municipal electric utilities located in Pennsylvania and is a leading member of both the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association (PMEA), delivering the message of the benefits of Public Power, and the fledgling Pennsylvania Municipal Power Agency (PMPA). The goal of the re-organized PMEA is to support, to inform, to help develop and communicate universal best utility practices, and to provide basic services for the thirty-five public power boroughs in Pennsylvania.

The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 49 million people in 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. APPA advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations.

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Information on the SEP program is available at: [www.PublicPower.org/smart-energy-provider-program](http://www.PublicPower.org/smart-energy-provider-program)

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Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

Chambersburg currently has 20,508 residents (2013).