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**El Paso Electric Earns 2021 ENERGY STAR® Market Leader Award**

**EL PASO, TX** – El Paso Electric (EPE) is proud to announce that it has received the 2021 ENERGY STAR® Market Leader Award for its outstanding efforts to promote and support energy efficient construction and help homebuyers experience the peace of mind, quality, comfort, and value that come with living in an ENERGY STAR certified home or apartment.

“The ENERGY STAR program proudly recognizes the efforts of our outstanding partners who have made important contributions to energy-efficient construction and environmental protection. Our 2021 Market Leader Award winners demonstrate a high level of commitment to making ENERGY STAR certified homes and apartments available to American

consumers. EPA proudly recognizes El Paso Electric as an ENERGY STAR partner,” said Jonathan Passe, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Residential Branch at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Each year, the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction program presents Market Leader Awards to outstanding partners who have made important contributions to energy efficient construction and environmental protection by building or verifying a significant number of ENERGY STAR certified homes and apartments, or by sponsoring a local program that supported these activities during the previous year. With a baseline of at least 50 homes needed to meet ENERGY STAR standards, EPE was able to contribute to 394 ENERGY STAR certified homes in 2020 through EPE’s energy efficiency programs. This effort is equivalent to reducing CO2 emissions by 315 metric tons, growing 5,206 tree seedlings for 10 years, avoiding the consumption of 729 barrels of oil, or removing 68 vehicles from the roads.

“Becoming a homeowner in our community is a landmark moment in one’s lifetime, so it is an honor to be part of the histories of 394 families as we each do our part to improve the quality of life and standard built into our homes in a sustainable and energy efficient manner,” shares EPE’s Director of Energy Efficiency and Commercial Services Susanne Stone.

In the United States, more than 120,000 ENERGY STAR certified single-family homes and multifamily units were built in 2020, for a total of more than 2 million homes since 1995.

EPE is also a past recipient of the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award.

To learn more about El Paso Electric's Energy Efficiency programs and incentives for Texas and New Mexico customers, visit [www.epelectric.com](http://www.epelectric.com) or <https://bit.ly/2HkkO2S>.

For a complete list of 2021 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR's awards program, visit [https://www.energystar.gov/about/awards/2021\\_energy\\_star\\_residential\\_new\\_construction\\_market\\_leader\\_award\\_winners](https://www.energystar.gov/about/awards/2021_energy_star_residential_new_construction_market_leader_award_winners).

### **About El Paso Electric**

El Paso Electric is a regional electric utility providing generation, transmission, and distribution service to approximately 444,300 retail and wholesale customers in a 10,000-square mile area of the Rio Grande valley in west Texas and southern New Mexico.

### **About ENERGY STAR**

ENERGY STAR® is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped American families and businesses save 5 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity, avoid more than \$450 billion in energy costs, and achieve 4 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. Over the lifetime of the program, every dollar EPA has spent on ENERGY STAR resulted in \$350 in energy cost savings for American business and households. In 2019 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans save nearly 500 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity and avoid \$39 billion in energy costs. More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at: [energystar.gov/about](http://energystar.gov/about) and [energystar.gov/numbers](http://energystar.gov/numbers).

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