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El Paso Electric Earns 2020 ENERGY STAR® Market Leader Award

EL PASO, TX – El Paso Electric (EPE) is proud to announce that it has received the 2020 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 2020 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 400 ENERGY STAR certified homes in 2019 through EPE’s energy efficiency programs. This effort is equivalent to reducing CO2 emissions by 584 metric tons, growing 9,680 tree seedlings for 10 years, avoiding the consumption of 1,360 barrels of oil, or removing 126 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 400 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 95,000 ENERGY STAR certified single-family homes and multifamily units were built in 2019, 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 or <https://bit.ly/2HkkO2S>.

For a complete list of 2020 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR's awards program, visit https://www.energystar.gov/about/awards/2020_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 435,000 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 helped save American families and businesses nearly 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity and achieve over 3.5 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. In 2018 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped Americans avoid \$35 billion in energy costs. More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at: energystar.gov/about and energystar.gov/numbers.

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