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KUB Receives 21st Arbor Day Tree Line USA Award and Celebrates Arbor Day with City of Knoxville

Knoxville, TN – Five trees were planted in Sam Duff Park today in honor of Arbor Day by KUB, the City of Knoxville, the Tennessee Division of Forestry, and Trees Knoxville. During the event, KUB received their 21st consecutive Tree Line USA® award from the Arbor Day Foundation. KUB was recognized with the award for implementing best practices in utility arboriculture, including high-quality tree maintenance, yearly worker training, tree planting, and community outreach.

"Trees are an important part of the landscape that contributes to the beauty of our community and adds to our quality of life," said Gabriel J. Bolas, II, KUB President and CEO. "KUB remains committed to quality tree care while providing safe, reliable electric service to the community."

Every year, KUB plants about 250 trees throughout the community. When planted properly, trees can reduce energy consumption, provide beauty, enhance quality of life, and promote clean air and water. Thanks to a robust vegetation management program, KUB supplies its community with safe, dependable electricity while conserving the health of the trees.

KUB encourages the community to plant the right tree in the right place to enhance the environment and maintain utility safety. KUB appreciates its customers' cooperation as it continues its vegetation management responsibilities. KUB serves more than 210,000 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.



KUB received its 21st consecutive Tree Line USA® award from the Arbor Day Foundation today at Sam Duff Park. Pictured left to right at the event are Indya Kincannon – Mayor, City of Knoxville; John Williams – KUB Senior Vice President of Engineering & Construction; Dan Steinoff – Chair, City of Knoxville Tree Board; Janice Tocher – President, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association; Tommy Smith – Councilman, City of Knoxville.

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