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**Long Island Power Authority receives national achievement award**

**San Diego, California, June 11, 2024** — The Long Island Power Authority received an American Public Power Association E.F. Scattergood System Achievement Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in San Diego, California. The award honors APPA member systems that have enhanced the prestige of public power utilities through sustained achievement and customer service.

The Long Island Power Authority places immense value on ensuring reliability and resiliency. Since 2016, the utility has invested $6.4 billion to achieve those aims, leveraging modern system design and continually evolving technology. This investment has led to a 37% reduction in customers experiencing power outages, a 71% reduction in customers facing more than four outages per year, and a 58% reduction in customers experiencing flicker interruptions, placing LIPA among the nation’s top 10% of utilities for reliability. LIPA is implementing a five-year storm hardening and resiliency plan, incorporating rising temperatures into load forecasting, designing the grid for higher peak temperatures and category 3 hurricane winds, and elevating flood-prone substations on the island. This plan, based on recommendations from a 2020 task force, expects to reduce customer outage minutes from a major storm by 18% by 2025.

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