



CITY OF KAPLAN SIGNS WHOLESALE POWER AGREEMENT WITH LEPA

February 25, 2026

The Kaplan Council voted to become a Full Requirements Member of LEPA at its February meeting, and the LEPA Board of Directors then approved the agreement at its February 19th meeting. Kaplan is the 15th municipality to become a Full Requirements Member of LEPA, meaning that LEPA serves as its wholesale electricity provider. The other 14 Full Requirements members include Abbeville, Erath, Gueydan, Jonesville, Morgan City, Plaquemine, Minden, Natchitoches, New Roads, Rayne, St. Martinville, Welsh, Winnfield and Vidalia.

"I am truly honored to be part of such a respected organization and to work alongside all of you in our shared commitment to providing reliable, affordable electric service to the citizens we proudly serve," said Kaplan Mayor Mike Kloesel.

LEPA General Manager Kevin Bihm noted, "With the addition of the City of Kaplan, LEPA is now providing wholesale power to fifteen Louisiana municipalities, the most LEPA have served in its history. This is a responsibility we take very seriously, and the addition of Kaplan further meets our mission to provide stable electricity at the lowest possible cost to our member municipalities."



SHOWN AFTER THE EXECUTION OF THE LEPA FULL REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT ARE:

Front Row (left to right): Kaplan Electrical Foreman, Wayne Vidrine; Kaplan Councilman Randy Campbell; LEPA Vice Chairman, Abbeville Mayor Roslyn White; Kaplan Mayor Mike Kloesel; LEPA Chairman, St. Martinville Mayor Jason Willis; LEPA Secretary/Treasurer, Vidalia Mayor Buz Craft; Kaplan Utility Committee Member Kishment McCloskey; Kaplan Public Works Director Claude Huntsberry; and LEPA General Manager Kevin Bihm

Back Row (left to right): LEPA Asst. General Manager David Bergeron; Natchitoches Utility Director Tim Tousek; LUS Engineering & Power Supply Manager Karen Hoyt; Erath Councilman Scott Bernard; Jonesville Mayor Loria Hollins; Vinton Mayor Bonnie Bahnsen; Plaquemine Utility Director Paul Seawell; and Rayne Mayor Chuck Robichaux.