



JASON E. MUMPOWER
Comptroller

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Members of the Board of Commissioners
Bruce Giles, General Manager
Kena Hyers, Assistant General Manager and Chief Financial Officer
First Utility District of Knox County
122 Durwood Road
Knoxville, TN 37922

Dear Members of the Board, Mr. Giles, and Ms. Hyers,

Congratulations to the First Utility District of Knox County on receiving the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Financial Excellence Award for Fiscal Year 2025.

This new award represents our Office's highest recognition for financial excellence among Tennessee's local governments. It recognizes cities, counties, metropolitan governments, and utilities that demonstrate a strong commitment to sound financial management, accountability, transparency, and responsibility.

I am especially pleased that the First Utility District of Knox County is among the inaugural recipients of this award. This achievement reflects the commitment of your leadership and staff to responsible financial oversight through establishing and maintaining strong financial practices.

Thank you for your dedication to financial excellence and for setting an example that other local governments across Tennessee can follow. I encourage you to continue building on this strong foundation.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. E. Mumpower", written over a large, stylized blue loop that starts under the word "Sincerely," and extends to the right.

Jason E. Mumpower
Comptroller of the Treasury