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***Aquarion Hosts Stamford Water Treatment Plant Tour on December 1  
State Legislators To Be Updated on \$50 Million Project***

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., November 30, 2005 – State Representatives Richard Roy (D-Milford), Julia Wasserman (R-Newtown), Peggy Sayers (D-Windsor Locks), and Sen. Bob Duff (D-Norwalk) will join Aquarion Water Company Officials at the Stamford Water Treatment Plant for an 11 a.m. tour and update on the \$50 million plant upgrade project. The facility is located at 149 Lakeside Drive in Stamford.

To comply with future water treatment regulations, as advised by the state Department of Public Health, Aquarion Water's approximate \$50 million investment will include two new water storage tanks, increased water treatment capacity and more advanced treatment technology. Construction, which began this spring, will provide about 100 jobs. Site work, foundation and structural steel work is proceeding as planned, and the project is scheduled for completion in early 2007.

As well, the company is investing an additional \$19 million to improve its water distribution system in Stamford, Ridgefield and New Canaan to improve the water quality and delivery to those service areas.

"We have delivered high-quality water and service to homes and businesses in the Stamford area for nearly 140 years," Aquarion President and CEO Charles V. Firlotte said. "These improvements will allow us to provide even better quality water and service to our valued customers for the foreseeable future."

Aquarion Company's principal business is public water supply. Through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiaries, it is one of the 10 largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving 219,400 homes and businesses, or approximately 677,000 people, in 53 Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut provides high-quality water for some 176,000 customers or more than 587,000 people. This includes more than 100,000 people in the Stamford area.