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GOVERNOR'S PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP RECOGNIZES AQUARION AS A STATE LEADER IN MENTORING

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. – January 31, 2006 – The Governor's Prevention Partnership recently recognized Aquarion Water Company for five consecutive years of dedication to mentoring. At the Fifth Annual Mentoring Corporate Honor Roll Awards Breakfast, sponsored by The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, Aquarion Water Company was among approximately 100 companies recognized.

The Corporate Honor Roll pays tribute to businesses whose leadership and involvement have significantly advanced youth mentoring. Companies are selected for the Honor Roll membership by the Leadership Council of The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership.

"Aquarion is proud to be among the honor roll of socially responsible Connecticut companies whose employees are being celebrated for their dedication to the future leaders of our state," said Charles V. Firlotte, Aquarion President and CEO. "We appreciate our employees for helping to meet the needs of our communities. They undoubtedly make a positive difference in the lives of others," Firlotte added.

Aquarion Water Company employees who volunteer to mentor are **Capital & Planning Project Manager Carolyn Cooper of Southington; Information Technology Director Ray Guido of Shelton and Maintenance Technician Paul Merriman of Monroe.**

The purpose of the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership is to strengthen and expand quality mentoring programs. Mentors have the opportunity to help students stay in school, remain drug free and prepare for a life of independence.

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 to 176,000 customers, or more than 587,000 people, in 36 cities and towns.

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