Aquarion Water Company Completes Purchase of United Water Connecticut

Connecticut’s top-rated water company now officially serving customers in Bethel, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford and Woodbury

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – September 4, 2012 – Aquarion Water Company today announced the completion of the purchase of United Water Connecticut, Inc., which serves over 21,000 residents in the Connecticut towns of Bethel, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford, and Woodbury.

With this purchase, Aquarion will now provide water service to more than 625,000 people in 47 cities and towns throughout the state, in addition to its service territories in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

“We have been following a strategy of growth through acquisition with the goal of creating an integrated and unified system statewide,” Aquarion President and CEO Charles V. Firlotte said. “As a regional water supplier, we will have the opportunity to act as a resource for these towns and work with them to help improve the overall water infrastructure in western Connecticut.”

In 2011 and 2012, Aquarion purchased and integrated 56 Connecticut water systems into its portfolio, which strengthened the company’s ability to deliver high quality water to communities throughout the state. Most recently, Aquarion completed its purchase of Meckauer Water Company based in Bethel.

“Aquarion has an excellent record for providing safe, high quality water and great customer service,” Brookfield First Selectman Bill Davidson said. “Customers can expect reliable, efficient service from the company. This purchase of United Water Company, combined with Aquarion’s other recent water company acquisitions, is good for Brookfield and the entire Danbury area.”

The Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) awarded Aquarion with the honor of highest rating of all state utilities it regulates for the last five years in a row.
United Water will continue to operate in Connecticut through its public-private partnerships with the municipalities of Newtown, Weston, Ridgefield, Sharon, Killingly, and Stonington.

*About Aquarion Water Company:*
Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 47 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

For more information on Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries, please visit [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) or [www.facebook.com/aquarionwater](http://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater).

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