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AQUARION ADVISES THAT MYSTIC DROUGHT IS OVER
Water Company Urges Customers to Use Water Wisely

BRIDGEPORT, CT: December 31, 2007 – Thanks to much needed precipitation and customer conservation, Aquarion Water Company today announced that Mystic’s reservoirs are currently approximately 95% full, ending a two-month long drought stage that commenced October 23.

“Since October we have been closely watching the Mystic system and have encouraged our customers to conserve water usage by 10%. Thanks to our customers’ efforts, we are out of drought but we continue to urge our customers to use water wisely and comply with Governor M. Jodi Rell’s drought advisory,” said Howard J. Dunn, Aquarion’s vice president of operations and technology.

“On October 5, Governor Rell issued a drought advisory throughout the state and remarked, ‘Water conservation is simple and just requires common sense,’ ” added Dunn. “We encourage our customers to continue to follow the tips issued by the governor’s office,” as noted:

- All residents and businesses should set a voluntary water use reduction goal of 10% (whether served by public water systems or private wells).
- All residents and businesses should cut back on unnecessary water use.
- Residents and businesses should cooperate with their local water utilities as conditions may be different in various parts of the state and because utilities may have different drought management plans.

Gov. Rell’s drought advisory also provided the following water efficiency tips:

Bathrooms:

- Take short showers instead of tub baths.
- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.

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Kitchen and Laundry:

- Use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the water run until it is cool.
- Operate the dishwasher only when completely full.

Outside:

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off with water.
- Wash cars with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- When using a hose, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Equipment:

- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to the tank water. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking. Toilet repair advice is available at <http://www.toiletology.com/index.shtml>.

Watering:

- Detect and repair all leaks in irrigation systems.

For more information on the governor's drought advisory, please visit

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?Q=396930&A=3116>.

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