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Aquarion's Donald J. Smiarowski Appointed To The Board Of The New England Chapter Of National Association of Water Companies

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. – May 31, 2006 – Branford resident Donald J. Smiarowski, Aquarion Water Company's Manager of Accounting and Treasury, has been appointed to the 2006-07 Board of the New England Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC).

Smiarowski joined Aquarion in 1997 as an accountant after working with Slade & Company in the public accounting field. He was promoted to senior accountant in 2000, to financial analyst in 2003, and to manager in 2005.

Smiarowski holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Political Science and a Master of Business Administration Degree with a Specialization in Accounting from the University of Connecticut. He also earned a Certificate in Information Technology from Sacred Heart University. In addition, Smiarowski is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Connecticut, a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"This is a great opportunity to gain a better understanding of legislative issues that may impact Aquarion as well as comparing best practices in the private and investor-owned water utility industry," Smiarowski said. "There are many dynamic individuals in our profession, and I look forward to inviting them to speak at our meetings," he added.

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 221,000 homes and businesses, or more than 714,000 people, in 53 Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of

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Connecticut provides high-quality water to 176,000 homes and businesses, or approximately 600,000 people, in 36 cities and towns. For more information please visit us on the Internet at www.aquarionwater.com.

NAWC is the only national trade association that exclusively represents the private and investor-owned water utility industry. Its members provide safe, reliable drinking water to 22 million Americans across the country. NAWC seeks to strengthen America's investor-owned drinking water supply industry by affording its members the means to develop responses to federal legislative and state regulatory initiatives having broad impacts on the industry. The association's relations with federal legislators and agency directors, as well as with public service commissions and staff, improve its members' effectiveness in addressing common concerns of the industry.