

Chuck Firlotte, appointed to Board of Duoyuan Global Water Inc. (China), and Elected President of National Association of Water Companies in U.S.

Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Duoyuan Global Water Inc., China, and has also been elected President of the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC), based in Washington, DC.

At Duoyuan Global Water, Chuck also sits on the board's Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

"I am honored by these opportunities," Chuck said recently. "Water resources management has never been more important to our nation and the global economy. I am looking forward to making meaningful contributions to Duoyuan Global Water and the NAWC."

Wenhua Guo, Duoyuan's Chairman and CEO, said the board "looks forward to benefiting from Chuck's experience with improving operational efficiencies and service delivery in the water industry to further drive the future success of Duoyuan."

Chuck brings more than 20 years of extensive management and water industry experience to his new responsibilities. With a background in human resources management, he has developed a reputation as an agent of change and a turn-around specialist, with a focus on enhancement to operating efficiencies and service delivery.

He also is past Chairman of the Board for the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, an organization of 1,000 business members. In addition, he maintains active roles on boards of the St. Vincent's Medical Center, and St. Thomas University in Eastern Canada.

The National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) represents all aspects of the private water service industry in the U.S. The range of members' business includes ownership of regulated drinking water and wastewater utilities and the many forms of public-private partnerships and management contract arrangements. Its mission is to promote the value of the private sector as the provider of quality, sustainable, water services and innovative solutions.

Duoyuan Global Water Inc. is a leading, China-based domestic water treatment equipment supplier. Its product offerings address the key steps in the water treatment process, such as filtration, water softening, water-sediment separation, aeration, disinfection and reverse osmosis. Duoyuan offers a comprehensive set of complementary products across three product categories: circulating water treatment, water purification and wastewater treatment. The company has an extensive local distribution network, which provides proximity to end-user customers and responsiveness to local market demand.