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**Aquarion Director of Water Quality, John Herlihy,
is new chairman, CT section, American Water Works Assn.**

John J. Herlihy of Fairfield, Director of Water Quality and Environmental Management at Aquarion Water Company, has been elected the new Chairman of the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

Herlihy said that in the coming year, he will focus on addressing the economic and regulatory challenges facing water utilities in Connecticut, including support for advocacy efforts in the state Legislature. “I also want to help the Connecticut AWWA educate the public about the tremendous value water companies provide to their customers,” he said. “High-quality water supports public health and safety; water companies help protect the environment; and they further support the communities they serve by providing a reliable water supply for business and industry, which, in turn, creates jobs.”

Herlihy recently marked his 35th anniversary with Aquarion. In addition to the AWWA, he is secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeport. He also has had a long involvement with Special Olympics as a soccer coach, and he helped to found Alpha Home, a shelter for the homeless in Bridgeport.

Aquarion Water Company, based in Bridgeport, serves nearly 600,000 people in 36 communities throughout Connecticut. It is among the seven largest investor-owned water utility companies in the U.S., and the largest in New England.

The AWWA is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization founded in 1881 that is dedicated to improving drinking water quality and supply. The Connecticut section is based in Norwalk and has 700 members representing more than 60 water utilities. Its mission is to advance the technology, science and governmental policies related to drinking water and its members’ stewardship of water resources.

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