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## **Aquarion Completes Purchase of Meckauer Water Company**

Connecticut's top-rated water company now officially serving customers in Bethel

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – July 17, 2012 – Aquarion Water Company today announced the completion of the purchase of Meckauer Water Company, which serves 49 customers in the town of Bethel, Connecticut.

"Working with Meckauer, the Town of Bethel, and the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), we were able to successfully complete the purchase," Aquarion President and CEO Charles V. Firlotte said. "We welcome our new Bethel customers and look forward to providing them with safe, high quality water for many years to come."

In 2011, Aquarion purchased and integrated over 40 Connecticut water systems into its portfolio, which strengthened the company's ability to deliver high quality water to communities throughout the state. With the purchase of Meckauer, Aquarion now serves customers in every town in Fairfield County.

Last year, PURA also awarded Aquarion with the unprecedented honor of highest rating of all state utilities it regulates for the fifth consecutive year.

## **About Aquarion Water Company:**

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 600,000 people in 45 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.

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