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Aquarion Acquires Marlborough Water System

Connecticut's top-rated water utility purchases Birchwood Water Association

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – March 07, 2011 – Aquarion Water Company today announced the purchase of Birchwood Water Association, Inc., which serves approximately 275 residents in the town of Marlborough, Connecticut, located 16 miles from Hartford.

As customers of Aquarion, Birchwood residents will now be served by the company with the highest customer satisfaction rating of all utilities in the state of Connecticut – water, electric, gas, telephone and cable included.

“The integration of the Birchwood Water Association into our network will allow us to improve water quality for the community of Marlborough,” said Charles V. Firlotte, Aquarion President and CEO. “We look forward to providing Birchwood customers with excellent service and safe, high quality water they can rely on.”

In addition to the acquisition of Birchwood, Aquarion recently announced that they have entered into an agreement to purchase United Water Connecticut, Inc., which serves over 24,000 residents in the Connecticut towns of Bethel, Brookfield, Newtown, New Milford, and Woodbury. With these purchases and other pending acquisitions, the company will provide water service to more than 610,000 people in 47 cities and towns throughout the state in addition to its service territories in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

In 2011, Aquarion purchased and integrated more than 27 new water systems in Connecticut, adding over 10,000 customers. The acquisitions reflect the company's plan for strategic growth, designed to improve the availability and quality of water in communities throughout the state.

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About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 590,000 people in 42 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 as well.

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