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## **Aquarion Water Company's John Herlihy Honored at Annual Water Works Conference**

*40 Year Veteran of Aquarion Recognized by His Peers During 2013 American Water Works Association Connecticut Section Annual Conference*

**BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – June 11, 2013** – Aquarion Water Company Director of Water Quality and Environmental Management John Herlihy was recently honored at the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association (CTAWWA) Annual Conference held in Saratoga Springs, New York. Herlihy's contributions to the public drinking water industry in Connecticut were recognized by his peers as he was selected to receive the George Warren Fuller Award from the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the drinking water industry's national organization.

“John Herlihy's legacy of service is noteworthy not only to Aquarion, but to our entire industry,” said Aquarion President and CEO Charles V. Firlotte. “John's commitment of 40 years to delivering safe, clean water to our customers is an outstanding achievement, and I could not think of a more deserving winner of the Fuller Award.”

Herlihy, whose responsibilities at Aquarion include directing water quality control and environmental management for more than 80 public water supply systems, started his career at the company in 1973 as a microbiologist in the water quality laboratory, following graduation from Fairfield University. He is a past CTAWWA Board of Directors Chairman and long-standing Chair of the organization's Water Utility Council. He was also a founding member of the Regulations and Research Committee and the Laboratory Operations Committee of the CTAWWA.

He received the prestigious “New England Water Works Leadership Award” in 2012 for his contributions to the advancement of excellence in the Connecticut water works profession. In receiving the 2013 Fuller Award, a national recognition and AWWA's highest award, Herlihy was also honored for playing a leadership role in a number of industry and company initiatives. These include the association's “Water Boot Camp” and internship programs, which have provided students in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford with opportunities to learn about job

opportunities in the drinking water profession, and also for his leadership in national level legislative and regulatory affairs.

In addition to his service on behalf of Aquarion and AWWA, Herlihy is President of the Kiwanis Club and has been a Special Olympics soccer coach for 30 years. In 2012 he was inducted into Kiwanis International's Legion of Honor. He is the father of three adult children and lives with his wife Suzanne in Fairfield.

***About Aquarion Water Company:***

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 47 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.

For more information on Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries, please visit [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) or [www.facebook.com/aquarionwater](https://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater).

***About the George Warren Fuller Award:***

The George Warren Fuller Awards are presented annually by the American Water Works Association to the sections' respective selected members for their distinguished service to the water supply field in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, brilliant diplomatic talent and constructive leadership which characterized the life of George Warren Fuller.

George Warren Fuller (1868–1934) was an American sanitary engineer who was also trained in bacteriology and chemistry. Fuller was responsible for a range of important innovations in water and wastewater treatment. He designed and built the first modern water filtration plant and the first chlorination system that disinfected a U.S. drinking water supply. Fuller also performed groundbreaking engineering work on sewage treatment facilities in the U.S. He was President of both the American Water Works Association and the American Public Health Association, and was recognized internationally as an expert civil and sanitary engineer.