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Aquarion Water Company's John Herlihy Recognized by New England Water Works Association

Fairfield resident receives prestigious regional water industry award

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – July 9, 2012 – Aquarion Water Company's John Herlihy was recently honored at the Connecticut Chapter of the American Water Works Association (CTAWWA) and Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) Annual Conference.

Herlihy received the prestigious "New England Water Works Leadership Award" for his contributions to the advancement of excellence in the Connecticut water works profession, presented at the conference by the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA).

Herlihy serves as Director of Water Quality and Environmental Management at Aquarion and is responsible for a broad range of water quality and environmental functions for more than 70 public water supply systems in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

In 2010, Herlihy developed and directed a week long "Boot Camp" summer program for Bridgeport-area high school students interested in learning about career opportunities in the water industry. The Boot Camp program was offered in New Haven in 2011 and is planned for Hartford in 2012. Additionally, Herlihy developed an Aquarion internship program in 2011 that provided students with a 6-week work experience at the company.

"John's work at Aquarion involves him in many different aspects of the water industry, including public health and environmental issues, customer service, and community and government relations," said Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. "He is a true champion of the industry and we appreciate the New England Water Works Association's recognition of his hard work."

Herlihy resides in Fairfield with his wife Suzanne and currently serves as President of the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeport.

Through its 23 committees, CTAWWA serves as a resource and training source in matters pertaining to technical and water utility operating needs. Its state counterpart, CWWA, provides a critical link to Connecticut government on water industry legislative and regulatory affairs. NEWWA, a section of the American Water Works Association, serves as a significant resource for education, training opportunities, and public outreach to protect and improve drinking water and water utility operations.

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 600,000 people in 44 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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