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**Aquarion Water Company’s Judy Simpanen Honored by
Connecticut Department of Public Health**

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – April 25, 2016 – The Connecticut Department of Public Health has awarded Judy Simpanen of Aquarion Water Company its 2016 Educational Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award for her “outstanding contributions” to further advancing the training and certification of drinking water operators.

Simpanen will receive her award on April 26 at the State Capitol as legislators, regulators, utilities and others celebrate National Drinking Water Week at a Water for People event sponsored by the Connecticut section of the American Water Works Association.

“Judy has been a true leader of our industry in implementing the state’s Water Operator Certification Program,” says Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. “We’re very proud that the state has recognized all the work she’s done to ensure the safety and quality of public drinking water across Connecticut.”

Simpanen’s award credits her long-standing professionalism in helping the state in everything from drafting operator training course criteria to evaluating training course applications to guiding the development of proposed certification regulations. She was also honored for launching an internship program at Aquarion to train new operators.

Simpanen is manager of Aquarion’s Mystic Supply Operations. In addition, for 15 years she has chaired the Operator Certification Committee of the American Water Works Association’s Connecticut section.

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 51 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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