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“Connecticut Water project to improve resiliency of Shoreline water systems to drought and high customer demand”

CLINTON, CONNECTICUT, June 23, 2017 – The Connecticut Water Company (Connecticut Water) today announced that work began this week on a project to connect two of its shoreline water systems that collectively serve eight communities and nearly 40,000 people.

This project will provide Connecticut Water with greater operational flexibility in serving the needs of shoreline customers in Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Guilford, Madison, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook according to Craig J. Patla, Connecticut Water’s vice president - service delivery. Mr. Patla stated, “We have two large water systems in the shoreline that are within a 2.5 mile proximity to each other. By connecting these systems, we will be able to move water between these two systems to meet future droughts and peak seasonal demands, increase the amount of water available for fire-fighting, and use our existing water resources more efficiently.” Connecticut Water has obtained all the regulatory approvals required for this project.

Approximately 2.4 miles of water main will be installed on Bokum Road between Route 154 (Middlesex Turnpike) in Old Saybrook and Viny Hill Drive in Essex. Excavation for the installation will begin on Monday, June 26, and work will start on the Essex end of the project. Work hours will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. During construction hours the road will only be open to local traffic. Depending on weather conditions, the project

is expected to be completed by early November. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$3 million.

Mr. Patla further explained, “This project is part of our \$46.7 million capital spending budget this year and reflects our continued commitment to invest in our systems to best meet the needs of our customers.”

Updates on this and other construction projects will be available on Connecticut Water’s Web site, www.ctwater.com/projects.

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Map area where construction will occur:

