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Connecticut Water Comments on Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers Infrastructure Report

CLINTON, Conn., Nov. 1, 2018 — Connecticut Water Company has commented on the recently released report of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers that included an assessment of drinking-water infrastructure.

“We agree that drinking-water infrastructure is critical to the quality of life and the high standard of living we enjoy in Connecticut. We are committed to providing the families and communities we serve with a reliable supply of high-quality water for drinking, hygiene, sanitation and fire protection through hydrants on many of our water systems,” stated Craig J. Patla, Connecticut Water’s vice president of service delivery.

Patla further stated, “The report examines opportunities and limitations of funding through state and federal programs; however, it does not include information on the Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment program that became available to Connecticut water utilities regulated by Connecticut’s Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in 2007. Through Connecticut Water WICA surcharges, the company has invested more than \$140 million in the replacement of aging water mains and eligible water conservation projects since 2008. In all, nearly 250 projects have been completed, which included the replacement of more than 130 miles of water mains with an estimated age of 75 years.”

Through WICA, Connecticut Water has replaced approximately 8 percent of its distribution system. This is an industry-setting pace for investment in the integrity of infrastructure. The company has a goal to replace 1 percent of its water mains each year.

In addition to improving reliability and water quality, replacing old pipes reduces water lost from leaks and breaks, reduces the environmental impact of pumping and treating that lost water, and can improve the amount of water available to fire hydrants on the system.

Beyond WICA, last year, the company completed a \$36.3 million replacement of its Rockville Water drinking-water treatment facility that serves more than 40,000 customers in north central Connecticut that will meet anticipated growth over the 50-year planning horizon.

Mr. Patla added, “We thank the CT-ASCE for bringing attention to the need for infrastructure investment in our industry and want our customers to be assured that the company is making these investments to ensure service reliability and water quality in our systems.”

About the Connecticut Water Company:

Connecticut Water Company serves more than 325,000 people in 56 towns in Connecticut. The towns served are Ashford, Avon, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bolton, Brooklyn, Burlington, Canton, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Griswold, Guilford, Hebron, Killingly, Killingworth, Lebanon, Madison, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Plainfield, Plymouth, Portland, Prospect, Somers, South Windsor, Stafford, Stonington, Suffield, Thomaston, Thompson, Tolland, Vernon, Voluntown, Waterbury, Westbrook, Willington, Windsor Locks and Woodstock. www.ctwater.com.

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