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State Declares Water Supply Emergency in Greenwich, Stamford, New Canaan and Darien

Department of Public Health Responds to Drought Crisis

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. – September 29, 2016 – As a result of a recent request by the Aquarion Water Company, the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has announced it will declare a public water supply emergency in Greenwich, Stamford, New Canaan and Darien. This is in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 25-32D allowing DPH to make this declaration.

Due to an ongoing and sustained period of drought, these towns have been faced with a significant depletion of water supply. It was determined that without increased precipitation, an emergency situation will soon be reached. This DPH ruling will allow Aquarion the flexibility to transfer water between systems which will provide immediate short-term help.

In early July, Aquarion issued an advisory requesting customers voluntarily reduce water consumption. With the situation worsening because of a continuing lack of significant rainfall, on September 16 Aquarion declared a mandatory outdoor watering ban in Greenwich, Stamford, Darien and New Canaan. This ban covered irrigation systems, sprinklers, soaker hoses and hand held hoses. Aquarion has been promoting the immediate need for conservation, by calling and visiting customers, as well as using newspaper ads and direct mail, to make customers aware of this emergency situation. This has resulted in a lessening of daily demand.

Aquarion Water Company President and CEO, Charles V. Firlotte, said, “Without reducing demand and absent significant precipitation, the water supply situation in Greenwich, Stamford, New Canaan and Darien will not meet the needs of that region. The DPH declaration of an emergency is greatly needed.”

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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