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AQUA ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF GLENVIEW TO ACQUIRE THE NORTH MAINE UTILITY WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Aqua to provide stable rates; commits \$10 million for capital investments

BRYN MAWR, PA and GLENVIEW, IL – Aqua America, Inc. (NYSE: WTR) and the Village of Glenview, Ill. announced today that Aqua's Illinois subsidiary will acquire the North Maine Utilities (NMU) water and wastewater system, which serves more than 44,000 people through 4,700 water meters and almost 2,500 wastewater connections. Under the agreement, which trustees of the Village approved on May 6, Aqua Illinois will buy the system for up to \$22 million pending an evaluation of assets. The sale of the utility is also subject to Illinois Commerce Commission approval, which includes a process by which three appraisers will be hired to set the final value of the system. The sale is expected to close in the summer of 2015. Once completed, it will be added to Aqua America's current list of 25 municipal acquisitions it's completed since 1992.

By selling the NMU system to Aqua Illinois, the Village of Glenview will ensure that customers are provided with rate stability, a concern the Village sought to address through the sale. Aqua Illinois has committed to a rate freeze for most of the costs to NMU customers through June of 2020, excluding annual wholesale water rate increases from Chicago/Niles, which must be passed through. Aqua Illinois has also committed \$10 million in capital investments to the system to construct an interconnection with Glenview to purchase Lake Michigan water from Glenview/Wilmette by 2020 at a significantly lower price than the projected Chicago/Niles rate.

"Aqua Illinois is glad to be able to provide the residents and businesses of North Maine with quality water and wastewater services, reasonable rates and excellent customer service," said Craig Blanchette, vice president of operations for Aqua Illinois. "With more than 125 years of experience in the water industry, we have the operational capacity, technical expertise and resources needed to meet the needs of NMU customers. We look forward to being a community partner with the Village of Glenview for many years to come."

"During its 17-year ownership, the Village of Glenview provided greatly needed repairs and improvements to NMU, such as proactively replacing underground water and sanitary sewer pipes, performing system maintenance and repainting a larger water tank that had been an eyesore," stated Glenview Village President Jim Patterson. "With an agreement to sell the system to Aqua and provide NMU with less expensive water from Wilmette as part of the sale, we believe NMU customers can now benefit from a new owner that has more flexibility, especially to provide rate stability."

Aqua America has completed 25 acquisitions in Illinois since 1999, and more than 300 acquisitions company-wide since 1995. Last year, Aqua America completed 15 water and wastewater acquisitions and grew its number of customers a total of 1.3 percent.

Aqua Illinois provides water and wastewater service to 175,000 people in 12 counties throughout Illinois.

Aqua America is one of the largest U.S.-based, publicly traded water utilities and serves nearly 3 million people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Indiana and Virginia. Aqua America is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WTR. Visit AquaAmerica.com for more information, or follow Aqua on Facebook at facebook.com/MyAquaAmerica and on Twitter at @MyAquaAmerica.

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