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**Recent Water Infrastructure Improvements Pass the Test
As Water Demand Hits Record High**

HINGHAM, MA. – As state officials urge water conservation efforts, demand for water hit a five-year record high of 6.2 million gallons on July 4 as the season’s first heat wave spread throughout Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset.

Aquarion was able to meet this record demand for water due to its continuous investment in the water supply, treatment and distribution system, and the operations staff that closely monitor water storage tank levels.

Millions of dollars in water supply and production investments have included the installation of four new wells, upgrades to four groundwater pumping stations, upgrades to the Accord Pond intake and pumping station, installation of a new raw water transmission main, replacement of two distribution pumps and installation of variable frequency drives (VFDs) for distribution pumps.

Last week, the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) urged residents to conserve water and stepped up the timing of their next Drought Task Force meeting as they continue to monitor for possible drought conditions.

Despite the near record water withdrawal on July 4, Aquarion’s water withdrawals from its wells and reservoir are still expected to remain well below the annual regulatory limit thanks in part to Aquarion’s success in reducing the volume of unaccounted-for-water by 35 percent over the past three years.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) recently announced Aquarion Water Company won a coveted a Public Water System Award for the fourth time in the past five years for outstanding performance for its water system serving Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset.

Upon receiving the award from the Mass DEP Director for Water Supply, Yvette DePeiza told award winners – “You’re the cream of the crop!”

At the State House Ceremony in Boston, DePeiza added: “We talk about going above the written requirements. This is where you excel,” she said.

Smart investments in the infrastructure have allowed Aquarion to meet the highest peak day demand for water and effectively manage the water supply, while water rates in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset have increased about 1.1 percent annually since 2002 when Aquarion purchased the system. During that same timespan, public water systems across the state have raised their rates an average of 4.7 percent annually; in other words, at a rate four times greater than Aquarion.

About Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts:

Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts is the public water supply company for more than 50,000 people in the towns of Hingham, Hull, North Cohasset, Millbury, and Oxford. Aquarion Water Company is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England, and 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. Aquarion Water Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Eversource](#).

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