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## **Aquarion Water Company Announces John Walsh as New VP of Operations, Massachusetts and New Hampshire**

**BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – July 19, 2012** – Effectively immediately, John Walsh has been named Vice President – Operations with responsibility for day to day operations and management of the company’s water systems in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, according to Charles V. Firlotte, Aquarion President and CEO.

Walsh, who replaces Harry Hibbard, had been serving in the role of Director of Supply Operations since early this year. Prior to his affiliation with Aquarion in Massachusetts, Walsh, a Massachusetts resident, had been employed for twelve years by Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut as Director of Supply Operations and as Manager of Engineering.

“We are delighted to promote John to head our Massachusetts and New Hampshire operations. He has outstanding engineering skills and experience, and is a great asset to our Aquarion team,” said Firlotte.

Walsh received a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Massachusetts; MS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Massachusetts; and an MBA in Finance from New York University.

“I look forward to enhancing our service and working collaboratively with the communities we serve in Massachusetts and New Hampshire,” said Walsh. “I’ll continue to capitalize on the expertise at Aquarion to improve all aspects of our operations.”

***About Aquarion Water Company:***

*Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 600,000 people in 50 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, 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. For more information on Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries, please visit [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) or [www.facebook.com/aquarionwater](http://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater).*

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