



Essential Declares March 2024 Dividend

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BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 12, 2023-- The board of directors of Essential Utilities Inc. (NYSE: WTRG) today declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.3071 per share, payable March 1, 2024, to all shareholders of record on February 9, 2024.

The March 2024 dividend payment of \$0.3071 per share represents a \$0.0201, or 7% increase over the March 2023 dividend payment of \$0.2870 per share. Essential Utilities has paid consecutive quarterly cash dividends for 79 years and has increased the dividend 33 times in the last 32 years.

About Essential

Essential Utilities, Inc. (NYSE: WTRG) delivers safe, clean, reliable services that improve quality of life for individuals, families, and entire communities. With a focus on water, wastewater and natural gas, Essential is committed to sustainable growth, operational excellence, a superior customer experience, and premier employer status. We are advocates for the communities we serve and are dedicated stewards of natural lands, protecting more than 7,600 acres of forests and other habitats throughout our footprint.

Operating as the Aqua and Peoples brands, Essential serves approximately 5.5 million people across nine states. Essential is one of the most significant publicly traded water, wastewater service and natural gas providers in the U.S. Learn more at www.essential.co.

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