



## Visitors to Please Touch Museum Hear Special Book Reading to Celebrate National Drinking Water Week

BRYN MAWR, Pa., May 07, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Aqua America Inc. Chairman Nicholas DeBenedictis and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Chairman Wendell Holland made a special trip to Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia today to read books about water to children in celebration of National Drinking Water Week (May 6-12).

"This was a perfect opportunity for us to begin teaching the youngest of our citizens about water and the important role it plays in our everyday lives," said DeBenedictis. "We are fortunate in this region to have an adequate supply of water, being situated between both the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers, as well as other important waterways. We want to teach children, and their parents, to be conscious of the role water plays in their life and that it is a valuable resource that should not be taken for granted."

Chairman Wendell Holland expressed a similar sentiment. "The key is to teach children at a young age, while they are impressionable," said Holland. "These books help make children aware of the presence of water throughout their environment and remind them of all the fun things they can do with water."

DeBenedictis read *Water is Wet* by Penny Pollock and Barbara Beirne and Holland read *Water Dance* by Thomas Locker.

Aqua America is a sponsor of Please Touch Museum's Waterway Play exhibit that helps young children become familiar with the world we live in and learn about water safety and conservation in a fun, interactive environment. As such, Aqua America is taking advantage of complementary opportunities at the museum to teach children about water.

Appointed by Governor Rendell to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in 2003, Mr. Holland was named chairman in September 2004. He previously served on the PUC between November 1990 and March 1993. Since 1993, Mr. DeBenedictis has served as Chairman of Aqua America, the largest U.S.-based, publicly traded water and wastewater utility holding company in the country, serving approximately 2.8 million residents in 13 states. The company's largest subsidiary, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., supplies drinking water to 1.3 million people in Delaware, Montgomery, Chester, Bucks and Berks counties in southeastern Pennsylvania.

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