



Aqua America Chairman to Present at Merrill Lynch Water Conference

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 23, 2005--Aqua America, Inc. (NYSE:WTR) announced today that its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Nicholas DeBenedictis will present at the Merrill Lynch Industrial Water Conference on March 2, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. EST at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. The company will host a live audio webcast of DeBenedictis' presentation from the investor relations section of the company's Web site at www.aquaamerica.com.

An archived rebroadcast will be available on the company's Web site for 60 days following the event.

Aqua America, Inc. is the largest U.S.-based publicly-traded water utility, serving more than 2.5 million residents in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Indiana, Virginia, Maine, Missouri, New York, and South Carolina. Aqua America is listed on both the New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges under the ticker symbol WTR.

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