

## Aqua America CEO to Speak at Emerald Asset Groundhog Day Investment Forum

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aqua America, Inc. (NYSE: WTR) Chairman and CEO Nicholas DeBenedictis is scheduled to address the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Groundhog Day Investment Forum today at 3 p.m. at the Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DeBenedictis will address the company's overall financial performance including the impact of its infrastructure investment program and growth-through-acquisition strategy.

In his remarks, DeBenedictis, who is among the region's longest serving CEOs having joined the company in 1992, will note that in addition to paying a dividend consecutively for more than 60 years, Aqua America just concluded its 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of net income growth.

DeBenedictis said that he was looking forward to the early spring predicted by Punxsutawney Phil, which he hoped would have a positive impact on the frequency of company's main breaks. One week ago, Aqua America announced that the \$1.3 billion capital program it has executed over the last 5 years has helped buffer the impact of cold-weather-related main breaks in its distribution systems and likely prevented even more main breaks than the company incurred.

Aqua America, Inc., which is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, is a publicly traded water and wastewater utility holding company with operating subsidiaries serving approximately three million people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, New York, Indiana, Florida, Virginia, Maine, Missouri, and Georgia. Aqua America is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WTR.

This release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, the Company's ability to continue its net income growth, the impact of infrastructure improvements on service, and the amount of its future investment in capital, and other factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009..We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward looking statement.

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