Illinois American Water Completes Acquisition Of Metro East Sanitary District System

Adds Approximately 5,600 Customers In Company's Metro East Footprint Near St. Louis

Madison, III. – (November 13, 2024) – Illinois American Water has completed its \$8.4 million acquisition of the wastewater system of the Metro East Sanitary District (MESD). The wastewater system acquisition includes the Eagle Park and Lansdowne wastewater systems and adds approximately 5,600 customers to the company's footprint in the Metro East area near St. Louis.

"We thank the leadership of MESD for their vote of confidence in us," said Illinois American Water President Rebecca Losli. "We have provided water service in the Metro East for more than 125 years. Our company and team of experienced employees are vested in the Metro East and look forward to providing high-quality wastewater services to the communities. We are well positioned to invest in aging infrastructure by leveraging our resources and expertise to address and provide solutions for their water and wastewater needs for years to come."

In the Metro East, in recent years, Illinois American Water has purchased the wastewater system assets of Alton, Granite City, Godfrey, Grafton, Jerseyville and Shiloh.

Illinois American Water is planning significant capital investments in the MESD wastewater system over the next five years. Operational improvements will be made to the Lansdowne and Venice pumping stations and various lift stations. In addition, the investment will include cleaning and inspecting of the force mains and sewer piping as well as improvements to the collection system.

"System improvements will be made to the MESD wastewater system so that we can continue to meet the wastewater service needs of our customers and meet all regulatory requirements," said Losli. "Our capital improvements are made strategically and with our customers' best interests in mind."

The Illinois Commerce Commission approved the Asset Purchase Agreement on November 7, 2024.

The majority of MESD customers receive their water service from Illinois American Water. Their monthly wastewater bill will now be included on the monthly water bill from the company. Customers will start receiving their combined bills for water and wastewater services from Illinois American Water during the November-December 2024 billing cycles. Customers who do not receive water service from Illinois American Water will receive a wastewater bill from Illinois American Water in November-December 2024.

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater

utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,500 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

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