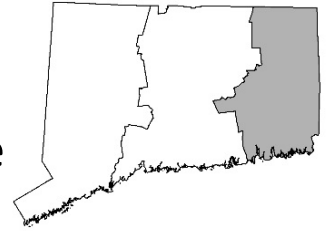


# Eastern Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee



September 19, 2016

WUCC Members  
Consulting State Agencies  
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Interested Persons

RE: Notice of Commencement  
Preliminary Exclusive Service Area Boundary Delineation  
Eastern Region WUCC

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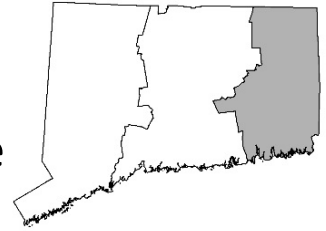
The Eastern Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) is in a two year drinking water supply planning process in the eastern region public water supply management area. In accordance with Section 25-33h-1(c)(6) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), this letter is being sent to all eligible WUCC members within the eastern public water supply management area, Chief Administrative Officials, and other interested persons to provide notice that preliminary exclusive service area boundaries (ESAs) are being developed and of your ability to participate in the process.

The term “exclusive service area” (ESA) is defined in Section 25-33h-1(a)(5) of the RCSA as “an area where public water is supplied by one system”. Existing service areas of public water systems are automatically granted the ESA for their current service area as part of this process. Functionally, an ESA boundary defines a provider, either a public water system or a municipality, who will be responsible for providing public water system service within the ESA boundary in the event that it is necessary to supply public water service.

The Exclusive Service Area Delineation will be the second of four documents that will be created through the Eastern Region WUCC planning process. The ESA Delineation document will present the process used to delineate ESAs; mapping relating to existing and proposed ESAs; a list of the existing service area and/or supply agreements that exist between public water systems or localities, including charter and enabling act revisions as applicable; and a discussion of how areas are likely to be served (by main extension or via satellite systems).

The Eastern Region WUCC encourages participation in all stages of the WUCC process in order to receive input from all interested parties. It is important to participate in order to understand how this process, and specifically the ESA Delineation document will affect public water systems, communities, and the region. Discussion of this topic will continue at the next scheduled ESA Process Subcommittee meeting to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority, 1690 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT at 1:30 PM; and also at the regularly scheduled WUCC meeting to be held on October 12, 2016 at the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments; 5 Connecticut Avenue; Norwich, CT at 1:00 p.m. Members of the public may attend all WUCC meetings.

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The following general schedule is currently anticipated for the ESA process:

- September: Existing ESA holders are being asked to affirm that they intend to maintain their ESAs;
- October: Declaration forms will be issued to Eastern WUCC members and municipalities in the Eastern Region where ESAs are currently not established;
- November: A summary of declarations will be presented for public comment;
- December: Presentations and conflict resolution to resolve conflicts between ESA declarants will commence;
- March: A Preliminary ESA Delineation Document will be submitted for public review; and
- June: A Final ESA Delineation Document will be submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Additional information pertaining to the Eastern Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee, including past and future meeting agendas, meeting minutes, correspondence, schedules, mapping, and publications may be found at the following web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/wucc>. We look forward to your participation in this important process.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Congdon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert Congdon  
Eastern Region WUCC Tri-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Decker". The signature is bold and somewhat stylized.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Bernardo". The signature is cursive and elegant.

Patrick Bernardo  
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