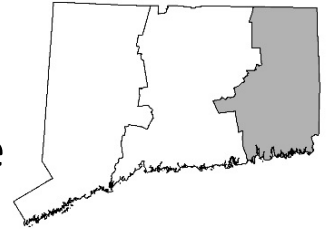


Eastern Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee



November 14, 2016

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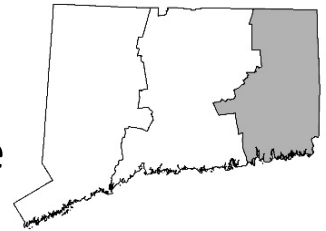
The Honorable Michael J. Zambo, First Selectman, Town of Ashford
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The Honorable Arthur Brodeur, First Selectman, Town of Eastford
The Honorable Allen R. Cahill, First Selectman, Town of Hampton
Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, Town of Killingly
The Honorable Paul E. Sweet, First Selectman, Town of Plainfield
The Honorable Craig Baldwin, First Selectman, Town of Pomfret
The Honorable Anthony Falzarano, Mayor, Town of Putnam
The Honorable Daniel D. Syme, First Selectman, Town of Scotland
The Honorable Russell M. Gray, First Selectman, Town of Sterling
The Honorable Kenneth Beausoleil, First Selectman, Town of Thompson
The Honorable Albert L. Goodhall, Jr., First Selectman, Town of Union
Neal Beets, Town Manager, Town of Windham
The Honorable Allen D. Walker, Jr., First Selectman, Town of Woodstock

RE: Preliminary Exclusive Service Area Declarations and Opportunity for Comment

As you are aware, the Eastern WUCC has begun its process of establishing Exclusive Service Area (ESA) boundaries for the northern portion of the Public Water Supply Management Area (PWSMA) where ESA boundaries have not yet been delineated. This includes all areas currently unserved by public water systems in the municipalities of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Windham, and Woodstock. In general, the ESA holder will be responsible for owning and operating any new public water systems that may be necessary in the area.

An ESA Declaration Form was released in October 2016 for those water utilities and municipalities interested in becoming ESA holders for areas currently unserved by public water supply in the northern part of the Eastern PWSMA. The ESA Declaration Form encouraged municipalities and water utilities to discuss potential service needs. The preliminary responses received include ESA declarations for entire municipalities. The actual ESA boundaries eventually approved may not include an entire community and each declaration will be discussed and/or negotiated as the process moves forward.

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To date, the Eastern WUCC has identified the following potential declarants for each community:

- Ashford: The Connecticut Water Company
- Brooklyn: The Connecticut Water Company
- Canterbury: The Connecticut Water Company & Jewett City Water Company
- Chaplin: The Aquarion Water Company
- Eastford: The Aquarion Water Company
- Hampton: The Aquarion Water Company
- Killingly: The Connecticut Water Company
- Plainfield: The Connecticut Water Company & Jewett City Water Company
- Pomfret: The Connecticut Water Company
- Putnam: None.
- Scotland: The Aquarion Water Company & Jewett City Water Company
- Sterling: None.
- Thompson: The Connecticut Water Company
- Union: The Connecticut Water Company
- Windham: None.
- Woodstock: The Connecticut Water Company

Although there are currently no declarants for Putnam, Sterling, and Windham, these communities have indicated that ESA Declarations are under consideration by their respective water commissions. Additional information will be provided on the DPH website and via electronic mail as these utility commissions meet and approve the submission of ESA Declaration Forms. The declarants to date have indicated that they will continue to reach out to municipalities where they intend to establish ESA boundaries.

At this time, the Eastern WUCC requests comment on the preliminary ESA declarations received to date. Comments are requested before or at the next Eastern WUCC meeting scheduled for December 14, 2016 at the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT 06241 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please provide comments via email to the WUCC Tri-Chairs or by regular mail to the Eastern WUCC at the address at the bottom of this letter.

Please be advised that the assignment of an ESA does not necessarily mean that public water service is planned for your community. Provision of public water service will continue to be dependent upon local needs and conditions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WUCC officers or our consultant, Mr. Scott Bighinatti of Milone & MacBroom, Inc., at 203-271-1773 or sbighinatti@mminc.com. For current information regarding the WUCC process, please visit the DPH website at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/wucc>.

Very Truly Yours,

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