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Richard Iozzo
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Re: Comments in Support of Adoption of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) Coordinated System Plan

Dear Mr. Iozzo:

The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA), a trade association of private, municipal and regional water utilities, strongly supports the adoption of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) coordinated system plan, hereinafter referred to as the WUCC Plan.

The state Department of Public Health (DPH) did an excellent job of bringing together representatives of water utilities and councils of government to develop a coordinated approach to meet the state's long-range public water supply needs. The WUCC Plan is fundamental to assisting water companies in meeting their obligation to provide residents and businesses with safe, quality public water supplies at a reasonable cost.

By integrating individual water supply plans into a comprehensive regional coordinated plan, the WUCC Plan provides us with a clear understanding of the state's existing and future public water supply needs. This will help ensure that there are adequate potable water resources to support public health, safety, and economic development as well as to protect against future droughts and the environmental effects of climate change.

Recognizing that accurate water supply data is critical to developing a comprehensive State Water Plan, the state legislature expressly directed the Water Planning Council to consider the completed WUCC Plan in developing the State Water Plan pursuant to Public Act 14-163. The WUCC Plan should be formally adopted to ensure that it is available to inform the continued development and implementation of the State Water Plan.

In addition, the WUCC process provided each water utility with the opportunity to define the Exclusive Service Area (ESA) that it is committed to serving in the future. The ESAs are established based on factors such as existing water service area, land use

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plans, zoning regulations and growth trends, physical limitations to water service, political boundaries, established water company rights, system hydraulics and the ability of the public water system to provide a pure and adequate public water supply now and in the future. The ESA process ensures an orderly approach to ensuring that residents and businesses have access to public water supplies throughout Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of adoption of the WUCC Plan.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Gara
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