



Christopher Franklin President and Chief Executive Officer

Christopher H. Franklin is chief executive officer of Aqua America (Aqua). Aqua is a publicly traded water and wastewater utility holding company with operating subsidiaries serving approximately 3 million people in eight states. Aqua is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WTR.

Franklin was previously president and chief operating officer, regulated operations. A 20-plus-year veteran of Aqua, Franklin has held executive roles in public affairs, customer operations and as regional president of the company's southern and Midwestern operations. In that role, Franklin significantly increased the performance and earnings power of diverse state operations, while simultaneously serving as senior vice president of the company's corporate and public affairs, where he was responsible for federal, state and municipal legislative affairs, investor relations and communications.

Since joining Aqua in 1992 as director, corporate and public affairs, Franklin headed several successful projects, including advocacy for the passage of legislation designed to provide customers of state-regulated water and wastewater utilities with improved water quality and better water and wastewater systems while allowing a fair and reasonable return for shareholders. Franklin also attained national media coverage for Aqua, changed the name and rebranded the company and its subsidiaries, and expanded investor relations outreach to increase analyst coverage. Before joining Aqua, Franklin worked at PECO Energy Company (an Exelon Company) where he was regional, civic and economic development officer. Franklin earned his B.S. from West Chester University and his M.B.A. from Villanova University.

Franklin is vice president of the National Association of Water Companies' board of directors. He also served on the board of directors of ITC Inc. (NYSE: ITC) until it was recently sold to Fortis (NYSE: FTS).

Franklin is active in the community and serves on the following nonprofit boards:

- Trustee, University of Pennsylvania Board of Trustees, Philadelphia, PA
- Trustee, West Chester University's Council of Trustees, West Chester, PA
- Trustee, The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA
- Director, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
- Director, The Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, PA

Franklin lives in Chester County, Pennsylvania with his wife Jennifer and three children, Jack, Isabella and Charlotte.

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