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## **MDC CEO Scott Jellison Elected to Operation Fuel Board of Directors**

HARTFORD, Conn. (October 14, 2020) – Operation Fuel’s Board of Directors has elected Scott Jellison, Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), to serve on the energy assistance organization’s board.

“Bringing Jellison onto our Board adds important expertise in the areas of water and wastewater,” said Brenda Watson, Executive Director of Operation Fuel. “As Operation Fuel continues to expand our water utilities assistance to more and more Connecticut residents, his experience and knowledge will help guide our strategy and our program development.”

In February 2015, the MDC appointed Jellison as the agency’s Chief Executive Officer after serving as Chief Operating Officer since 2006. The MDC, with a staff of approximately 450, is a non-profit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929 to provide drinking water, wastewater treatment, mapping and other services to the Hartford region.

Currently, the MDC is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year of the over \$2 billion Clean Water Project that will eliminate Sanitary Sewer Overflows and reduce Combined Sewer Overflows and nitrogen discharges to the Connecticut River. The first phase of Clean Water Project construction began in 2008 including micro-tunneling, jacking, conventional open-cut excavation, and other tools to separate combined sewers and to establish new connections in homes, primarily in Hartford, where the oldest part of the sewer system exists. The program includes numerous projects including sewer separation, tunneling, infrastructure rehabilitation, and treatment plant upgrades. In addition, the MDC is currently executing a \$100M per year Asset Management program for its Water Distribution and Facility Improvements.

Prior to joining the MDC, Jellison served as Director of Project Management, for the Department of Public Works, State of Connecticut. He was responsible for a \$200M per year Design and Construction Program supporting over 72 State Agencies. In addition, Jellison served as the Project Director for the largest redevelopment project (\$1B) in



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Connecticut history, including the development of the University of Connecticut Stadium at Rentschler Field, Capital Community College-Downtown Campus (the former G. Fox Building), and the Connecticut Convention Center. All were part of the state funded Six Pillars of Progress – Capital City Redevelopment Project, which has been recognized with several prestigious awards for innovative design and minority contractor partnering.

A native of Pomfret, CT, Jellison graduated from the University of Hartford with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1987. He has been active in many civic, charitable and government organizations, including the MDC Long Term Control Plan Citizens Advisory Committee, St. Mary's Church, and as President of the Griffin Youth Hockey Association.

**ABOUT OPERATION FUEL:** More than 400,000 households in Connecticut can't afford to pay energy and utility bills. Thanks to supporters and donors, Operation Fuel is able to flip the switch for families year-round, helping seniors, children, and people with medical conditions stay warm, keep the lights on, power devices for cooking and refrigeration, and have access to running water for drinking, hygiene, and laundry. If you or someone you know is struggling with paying your utility bills or energy costs, visit [www.operationfuel.org](http://www.operationfuel.org). To help power families, you can visit the website and donate or text OPFUEL to 44321

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