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CUSTOMER NOTICE

WATER USE RESTRICTION INFORMATION FOR MDC CUSTOMERS *Currently NO WATER USE RESTRICTIONS exist for MDC customers*

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(HARTFORD, CT) – Recently, the Town of Manchester Water Department issued a water conservation alert to all citizens, businesses, institutions and users of the potable water supply because the levels of the Town’s reservoirs dropped to 80 percent of capacity. This lowered reservoir capacity is due to the recent lack of precipitation in the area.

To date, the Metropolitan District’s (MDC) drinking water reservoir supply stands at 95.4% of capacity, which equates to approximately 632 days, or 21 months of supply in storage. While water conservation is always prudent, there are currently NO WATER USE RESTRICTIONS in force for MDC customers.

The MDC’s water supply is unique in that it is a surface water supply system of reservoirs that includes the 30.3 billion gallon Barkhamsted Reservoir and the 9.5 billion gallon Nepaug Reservoir. Barkhamsted Reservoir is the single largest reservoir in the State of Connecticut. When full, these two reservoirs store almost 40 billion gallons of water, a volume equivalent to 660 days or 22 months of typical water use. Because of the large size of its reservoirs relative to the amount of water typically used, the MDC is better able to sustain operations during water use restriction conditions than most other water utilities in Connecticut.

The MDC will continue to monitor weather conditions and reservoir levels and we will advise our customers if and when conditions warrant any water use restriction in our service area.

About the MDC: The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, under a series of special agreements, the District supplies treated water to Glastonbury, the southern portion of South Windsor, the eastern portion of Farmington, East Granby and Unionville. For more information about the MDC, visit www.themdc.com.

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