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CPTV to Premiere Part One of New Two-Part Documentary *Water Works* on Tuesday, May 19 at 8 p.m.

—*Water Works* Showcases the Inner Workings of the MDC’s Water-Delivery System —

HARTFORD, Conn. (May 8, 2015) – Whenever a faucet is turned on, high-quality water streams out, yet people rarely consider why or how this water gets to their homes. On Tuesday, May 19 at 8 p.m., CPTV/Connecticut Public Television will premiere Part One of the new two-part documentary *Water Works*. *Water Works* explores the Metropolitan District (MDC)’s water-delivery system and the foresight, hard work and engineering that make it work.

In the film premiering May 19, *Water Works – Part One: Bringing Pure, Clean Water to Connecticut*, viewers are brought back in time through archival footage and images to meet Hiram Bissell, a brick mason, and Caleb Saville, an engineer, who helped shape and inspire the system in place today.

The film also explores how the MDC’s water-delivery system has evolved and grown, and how its innovative design and construction have resulted in a modern system that now provides more than 50 million gallons of water a day to about 400,000 people throughout central Connecticut.

Part Two of the documentary will premiere in November 2015 and will focus on Connecticut’s wastewater system and the MDC’s Clean Water Project.

“Having access to pure, clean water is a cornerstone of good health, but it is something we all sometimes take for granted,” said Jerry Franklin, president and CEO of the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network, parent company of CPTV. “*Water Works* provides valuable insights into how the MDC’s water-delivery system works, and how it ensures that people in our state retain access to the water they rely on every day.”

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“We are thrilled to partner with CPTV to tell the story of the MDC and why water is such a valuable resource,” stated MDC Chair William DiBella. “The documentary showcases not only the MDC’s remarkable drinking water system, but also the vast array of incredibly talented employees and partners who are the stewards of maintaining this system for future generations. The MDC is proud to continue the legacy of cutting-edge engineering technology with the Clean Water Project today.”

Water Works is sponsored by the Metropolitan District and the Clean Water Project.

About Connecticut Public Television

CPTV is a media service of the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN). It is a locally and nationally recognized producer and presenter of quality public television programming, including original documentaries, public affairs shows and educational programming. CPTV has built a reputation as a leader in children’s programming; including playing an historic role in bringing *Barney & Friends*[™], *Bob the Builder*[™] and *Thomas & Friends*[™] to public television. The station offers 11.5 hours of positive, nurturing children’s programs each weekday, reaching 450,000 households each week. The Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network also includes WNPR, an affiliate of National Public Radio, Public Radio International and American Public Media. WNPR serves 276,000 listeners weekly in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island with news and information. Its award-winning local programming includes *The Faith Middleton Show*, *The Colin McEnroe Show* and *Where We Live*. CPBN also includes two affiliate channels: CPTV4U, a 24/7 television channel featuring award-winning drama, news and talk programming, concert performances, independent films, nature shows, British comedy and more; and CPTV Sports, Connecticut’s only 24-hour local sports network, covering statewide high school, college, semi-professional and professional sports. CPBN also houses the Learning Lab, home to the Journalism & Media Academy Magnet School satellite campus and the Institute for Advanced Media, which includes the Veterans Vocational Training Program. For more information, visit CPTV.org.

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