

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)
 QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2018 or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

Commission File Number: 0-8084



Connecticut Water Service, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

06-0739839
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

93 West Main Street, Clinton, CT
(Address of principal executive offices)

06413
(Zip Code)

(860) 669-8630
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date
12,089,125

Number of shares of common stock outstanding, April 1, 2018
(Includes 222,082 common stock equivalent shares awarded under the Performance Stock Programs)

CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Financial Report
March 31, 2018

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CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share data)

ASSETS	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Utility Plant	\$ 933,072	\$ 927,289
Construction Work in Progress	12,333	11,761
	945,405	939,050
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(245,776)	(241,327)
Net Utility Plant	699,629	697,723
Other Property and Investments	11,130	10,662
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,020	3,618
Accounts Receivable (Less Allowance, 2018 - \$1,370; 2017 - \$1,265)	12,777	14,965
Accrued Unbilled Revenues	8,238	8,481
Materials and Supplies, at Average Cost	1,575	1,593
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	9,581	7,021
Total Current Assets	36,191	35,678
Unrecovered Income Taxes - Regulatory Asset	68,817	66,631
Pension Benefits - Regulatory Asset	10,799	11,339
Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pension - Regulatory Asset	113	116
Goodwill	67,016	67,016
Deferred Charges and Other Costs	8,269	9,618
Total Regulatory and Other Long-Term Assets	155,014	154,720
Total Assets	\$ 901,964	\$ 898,783
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES		
Common Stockholders' Equity:		
Common Stock Without Par Value: Authorized - 25,000,000 Shares		
Issued and Outstanding: 2018 - 12,089,125; 2017 - 12,065,016	\$ 192,253	\$ 191,641
Retained Earnings	97,586	102,417
Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss)	(420)	(428)
Common Stockholders' Equity	289,419	293,630
Preferred Stock	772	772
Long-Term Debt	252,194	253,367
Total Capitalization	542,385	547,769
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	6,246	6,173
Interim Bank Loans Payable	29,197	19,281
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	6,857	11,319
Accrued Interest	1,524	1,439
Current Portion of Refund to Customers - Regulatory Liability	—	64
Other Current Liabilities	3,248	3,262
Total Current Liabilities	47,072	41,538
Advances for Construction	20,363	20,024
Deferred Federal and State Income Taxes	33,820	33,579
Unfunded Future Income Taxes	60,375	58,384
Long-Term Compensation Arrangements	33,356	32,649
Unamortized Investment Tax Credits	1,115	1,133
Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Tax - Regulatory Liability	31,086	30,937
Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,212	1,241
Total Long-Term Liabilities	181,327	177,947
Contributions in Aid of Construction	131,180	131,529
Commitments and Contingencies	—	—
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$ 901,964	\$ 898,783

CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 and 2017
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	2018	2017
Operating Revenues	\$ 24,853	\$ 22,463
Operating Expenses		
Operation and Maintenance	13,020	11,003
Depreciation	4,705	3,692
Income Tax Benefit	(7)	(190)
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	2,857	2,605
Total Operating Expenses	20,575	17,110
Net Operating Revenues	4,278	5,353
Other Utility Income, Net of Taxes	267	165
Total Utility Operating Income	4,545	5,518
Other (Deductions) Income, Net of Taxes		
Gain on Real Estate Transactions	—	33
Non-Water Sales Earnings	396	258
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	53	336
Merger and Acquisition Costs	(3,261)	(130)
Other	(346)	(112)
Total Other (Loss) Income, Net of Taxes	(3,158)	385
Interest and Debt Expense		
Interest on Long-Term Debt	2,562	2,061
Other Interest Expense (Income), Net	1	(260)
Amortization of Debt Expense and Premium, Net	51	34
Total Interest and Debt Expense	2,614	1,835
Net (Loss) Income	(1,227)	4,068
Preferred Stock Dividend Requirement	9	9
Net (Loss) Income Applicable to Common Stock	\$ (1,236)	\$ 4,059
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding:		
Basic	11,862	11,139
Diluted	12,080	11,365
(Loss) Earnings Per Common Share:		
Basic	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.36
Diluted	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.36
Dividends Per Common Share	\$ 0.2975	\$ 0.2825

The accompanying footnotes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 and 2017
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	2018	2017
Net (Loss) Income	\$ (1,227)	\$ 4,068
Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax		
Reclassification to Pension and Post-Retirement Benefits Other than Pension, net of tax (expense) of \$(13) and \$(25) in 2018 and 2017	34	39
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$10 and \$(41) in 2018 and 2017	(26)	64
Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax	8	103
Comprehensive (Loss) Income	\$ (1,219)	\$ 4,171

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CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF RETAINED EARNINGS
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 and 2017
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	2018	2017
Balance at Beginning of Period	\$ 102,417	\$ 91,213
Net (Loss) Income	(1,227)	4,068
	<u>101,190</u>	<u>95,281</u>
Dividends Declared:		
Cumulative Preferred, Class A, \$0.20 per share	3	3
Cumulative Preferred, Series \$0.90, \$0.225 per share	6	6
Common Stock - 2018 \$0.2975 per share; 2017 \$0.2825 per share	3,595	3,265
	<u>3,604</u>	<u>3,274</u>
Balance at End of Period	<u>\$ 97,586</u>	<u>\$ 92,007</u>

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CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 and 2017
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Operating Activities:		
Net (Loss) Income	\$ (1,227)	\$ 4,068
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Provided by		
Operating Activities:		
Deferred Revenues	(103)	(513)
Provision for Deferred Income Taxes and Investment Tax Credits, Net	(124)	(528)
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	(53)	(336)
Depreciation and Amortization (including \$233 and \$271 in 2018 and 2017, respectively, charged to other accounts)	4,938	3,963
Gain on Real Estate Transactions	—	(33)
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
Decrease in Accounts Receivable and Accrued Unbilled Revenues	2,431	1,892
Increase in Prepaid Income Taxes and Prepayments and Other Current Assets	(2,242)	(1,068)
Increase in Other Non-Current Items	2,456	909
Decrease in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities	(3,873)	(1,692)
Total Adjustments	<u>3,430</u>	<u>2,594</u>
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Provided by Operating Activities	<u>2,203</u>	<u>6,662</u>
Investing Activities:		
Net Additions to Utility Plant	(6,933)	(10,163)
Proceeds from the Sale of Land	—	212
Cash Acquired in Business Combinations	—	1,336
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Used in Investing Activities	<u>(6,933)</u>	<u>(8,615)</u>
Financing Activities:		
Net Proceeds from Interim Bank Loans	29,197	35,089
Net Repayment of Interim Bank Loans	(19,281)	(32,953)
Proceeds from the Issuance of Long-Term Debt	—	5,000
Costs to Issue Long-Term Debt and Common Stock	—	(2)
Proceeds from Issuance of Common Stock	380	339
Repayment of Long-Term Debt Including Current Portion	(1,151)	(808)
Advances from Others for Construction	(409)	(47)
Cash Dividends Paid	(3,604)	(3,274)
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents Provided by Financing Activities	<u>5,132</u>	<u>3,344</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	402	1,391
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	3,618	1,564
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	<u>\$ 4,020</u>	<u>\$ 2,955</u>
Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:		
Stock-for-stock acquisition of The Heritage Village Water Company	\$ —	\$ 16,903
Non-Cash Contributed Utility Plant	\$ 398	\$ 2,152
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash Paid for:		
Interest	\$ 2,506	\$ 1,384
State and Federal Income Taxes	\$ 120	\$ 190

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Preparation of Financials

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (“CTWS” or the “Company”) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and reflect all adjustments that are of a normal recurring nature which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to a fair statement of the results for interim periods. Certain information and footnote disclosures have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The Company’s primary operating subsidiaries are: The Connecticut Water Company (“Connecticut Water”), The Heritage Village Water Company (“HVWC”) and The Avon Water Company (“Avon Water”) in the State of Connecticut and The Maine Water Company (“Maine Water”) in the State of Maine. The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2017 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. It is suggested that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company’s latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 (the “10-K”).

The results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the year since the consolidated earnings are subject to seasonal factors. Effective February 27, 2017 and July 1, 2017, the Company acquired HVWC and Avon Water, respectively, discussed further in Note 12 below. As a result, the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Statements of Net Income, Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, Condensed Consolidated Statements of Retained Earnings and Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2017 do not include Avon Water, however, they do include the approximate one month of activity related to HVWC after their acquisition on February 27, 2017. The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Net Income, Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, Condensed Consolidated Statements Retained Earnings and the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2018 include HVWC’s and Avon Water’s results. HVWC’s and Avon Water’s assets and liabilities are included in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

As noted in Note 12 below, HVWC serves approximately 4,700 water customers in the Towns of Southbury, Middlebury, and Oxford, Connecticut and approximately 3,000 wastewater customers in the Town of Southbury, Connecticut. The results of the wastewater line of business are included in the Company’s Water Operations segment. Additionally, as noted in Note 12, Avon Water serves approximately 4,800 water customers in the Towns of Avon, Farmington, and Simsbury, Connecticut.

Proposed Merger with SJW Group

On March 14, 2018, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with SJW Group, a Delaware corporation (“SJW”), and Hydro Sub, Inc., a Connecticut corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of SJW (“Merger Sub”), pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of SJW (the “Merger”). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, at the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding share of our common stock (other than certain cancelled shares) will be converted into the right to receive 1.1375 shares of SJW common stock.

The Board of Directors approved, adopted and declared advisable and resolved to recommend to the Company’s shareholders the approval of the Merger Agreement and the Merger following a comprehensive review of the transaction. The Merger is subject to certain customary closing conditions, including, among other things, approval of the Merger Agreement by the Company’s shareholders, approval of the issuance of SJW common stock in the Merger by SJW’s stockholders, and regulatory approvals (including the expiration or termination of the required waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the “HSR Act”), and the approval of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (“PURA”) and the Maine Public Utilities Commission (“MPUC”).

On April 18, 2018, each of the Company and SJW filed its notification under the HSR Act, and the waiting period under the HSR Act was terminated on April 27, 2018. On April 25, 2018, SJW filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes the preliminary joint proxy statement of the Company and SJW, which also constitutes a prospectus of SJW, related to the Merger. On May 4, 2018, the Company and SJW filed with PURA a joint application for approval of the Merger and Maine Water filed with MPUC an application for approval of the Merger. The Company and SJW expect the closing of the Merger to occur during the fourth quarter of 2018.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)*Regulatory Matters*

The rates we charge our water and waste water customers in Connecticut and Maine are established under the jurisdiction of and are approved by PURA and the MPUC, respectively. It is our policy to seek rate relief as necessary to enable us to achieve an adequate rate of return. Connecticut Water's allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 9.75% and 7.32%, respectively. HVWC's blended water and wastewater allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 10.10% and 7.19%, respectively. Avon Water's allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 10.00% and 7.79%, respectively. Maine Water's average allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 9.50% and 7.96%, respectively. The PURA establishes rates in Connecticut on a company-wide basis while the MPUC approves Maine Water's rates on a division-by-division basis. Each of Connecticut Water, HVWC, Avon Water and Maine Water are allowed to add surcharges to customers' bills in order to recover certain costs associated with approved capital projects in between full rate cases, as well as approved surcharges for Water Revenue Adjustments, in Connecticut, as discussed in more detail below. HVWC has not added surcharges to customers' bills in order to recover certain approved capital projects as of March 31, 2018, however, HVWC, as authorized by PURA, began to utilize Water Revenue Adjustments as of March 31, 2017.

On January 3, 2018, PURA filed a motion to reopen the most recent rate case decisions for the Company's Connecticut Regulated Companies to determine what, if any, adjustments to rates are appropriate to account for revisions to tax laws, including corporate tax rates, contained in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("Tax Act"). As discussed below, Connecticut Water has entered into a settlement agreement with the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") that covers treatment of the Tax Act. On January 11, 2018, the MPUC issued a notice of investigation to determine the impact of the Tax Act on Maine Water. The investigation will allow the MPUC to determine the specific impact of the Tax Act and whether any rate adjustments are warranted. Following discovery, a technical conference was held April 19, 2018. The current schedule for the investigation anticipates a report by the Hearing Examiner in August 2018. In addition to determining the impact of the Tax Act on the justness and reasonableness of Maine Water's rates, the MPUC will consider whether to issue an accounting order to establish a regulatory liability which defers for future flow-through to ratepayers the impact of the tax changes.

Maine Water Land Sale

On March 11, 2016, Maine Water entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the Coastal Mountains Land Trust, a Maine nonprofit corporation (the "Land Trust") pursuant to which Maine Water agreed to sell two conservation easements to the Land Trust on approximately 1,300 acres of land located in the towns of Rockport, Camden and Hope, in Knox County, Maine valued in the aggregate at \$3.1 million. The land had a book value of approximately \$600,000 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and is included in "Utility Plant" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The easements and purchase prices are as follows:

1. Ragged Mountain Mirror Lake Conservation Easement: \$1,875,000; and
2. Grassy Pond conservation Easement: \$600,000.

On October 13, 2017, an amendment to the agreement was made to extend closing of the first transaction to June 30, 2018, from December 31, 2017. This is also expected to extend the second closing into 2020. Maine Water will make a \$200,000 contribution to the Land Trust upon completion of the closing of the first easement sale. Maine Water also expects to claim a charitable deduction for the \$600,000 in excess of the fair market value of the second easement over the \$600,000 sale price.

Connecticut Rates

Connecticut Water's Water Infrastructure Conservation Adjustment ("WICA") was 9.81% and 7.13% at March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. On February 10, 2018, Connecticut Water filed its annual WICA reconciliation, requesting a 0.38% additional surcharge, which would replace the 0.06% reconciliation filed in January 2017. On March 28, 2018, PURA approved the new 0.38% surcharge. Additionally, PURA reduced Connecticut Water's WICA surcharge by 0.15% due to the effects of the Tax Act. As of April 1, 2018, Connecticut Water's WICA surcharge was 9.98%. As of March 31, 2018, Avon Water's WICA surcharge was 8.09%. As of April 1, 2018, Avon's reconciliation adjustment reduction of 0.25% related to excess revenues in 2016 expired and a new reconciliation adjustment of 0.01% became effective. As a result of the Tax Act, Avon Water's WICA surcharge was ultimately reduced to 7.51% effective April 1, 2018. As of March 31, 2018, HVWC has not filed for a WICA surcharge.

On February 6, 2018, Connecticut Water filed a petition with PURA to reopen Connecticut Water's 2010 rate case (previously reopened in 2013) proceeding for the limited purpose of approving a Settlement Agreement entered into by Connecticut Water and the OCC (the "Agreement"). The Agreement proposes a change in Connecticut Water's customer rates effective for bills rendered on and after April 1, 2018 made up of the following two components: (1) the revenue requirements associated with a

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

\$36.3 million addition to rate base to reflect necessary upgrades to Connecticut Water’s Rockville Water Treatment Plant; and (2) the folding in to base rates of the Company’s present WICA surcharges. In addition, the Agreement provides that:

1. Upon implementation of new rates under the Agreement, until such time as new rates are adopted in a general rate case, through a temporary modification of the earnings sharing mechanism, Connecticut Water customers will receive one hundred percent of any earnings in excess of levels allowed by law rather than limiting such customer credits to 50% as contemplated by applicable law;
2. Connecticut Water agrees it will not file for a general increase of Connecticut Water’s base rates to be effective before January 1, 2020;
3. The pending proceeding initiated by PURA in Docket No. 09-12-11RE03, Application of The Connecticut Water Company for Amended Rates – Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act shall be closed; and
4. Connecticut Water shall continue to make investments in infrastructure replacement consistent with its approved WICA plan. Connecticut Water shall be allowed to continue to pursue recovery of eligible projects through WICA.

The Agreement provides that, if PURA does not fully approve the Agreement in its entirety, it shall be deemed withdrawn. Accordingly, the Agreement has no operative effect unless and until it is approved by PURA. No assurance can be given that PURA will approve the Agreement and permit some or all of the terms contained in the Agreement requested by the parties. PURA has agreed to the request to reopen the rate proceeding. A final decision on the Settlement Agreement is anticipated to be issued by PURA no later than July 11, 2018, with rates effective soon thereafter.

Since 2013, Connecticut law has authorized a Water Revenue Adjustment (“WRA”) to reconcile actual water revenues with the revenues projected in the last general rate case and allows companies to adjust rates as necessary to recover the revenues approved by PURA in the last general rate case. The WRA removes the financial disincentive for water utilities to develop and implement effective water conservation programs. The WRA allows water companies to defer on the balance sheet, as a regulatory asset or liability, for later collection from or crediting to customers the amount by which actual revenues deviate from the revenues allowed in the most recent general rate proceedings, including WICA proceedings. Additionally, projects eligible for WICA surcharges were expanded to include energy conservation projects, improvements required to comply with streamflow regulations, and improvements to acquired systems.

Connecticut Water and HVWC’s allowed revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2018 , as approved by PURA during each company’s most recent general rate case and including subsequently approved WICA surcharges, are approximately \$17.8 million. Through normal billing for the three months ended March 31, 2018 , revenue for Connecticut Water and HVWC would have been approximately \$17.7 million had the WRA not been implemented. As a result of the implementation of the WRA, Connecticut Water and HVWC recorded \$0.1 million in additional revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2018 . Avon Water does not currently use the WRA mechanism. Avon Water does not currently have PURA approval to apply the WRA surcharge to their customers’ bills.

Maine Rates

In Maine, the overall, cumulative Water Infrastructure Charge (“WISC”) for all divisions was 6.9% and 6.6% as of March 31, 2018 and 2017 , respectively. The WISC rates for the Biddeford and Saco division were reset to zero with the approval of the general rate increase discussed below.

On June 29, 2017, Maine Water filed for a rate increase in its Biddeford and Saco division. The rate request was for an approximate \$1.6 million, or 25.1%, increase in revenues. The rate request is designed to recover higher operating expenses, depreciation and property taxes since Biddeford and Saco’s last rate increase in 2015. Maine Water and the Maine Office of the Public Advocate reached an agreement that increases annual revenue by \$1.56 million. The agreement was approved by the MPUC on December 5, 2017, with new rates effective December 1, 2017.

A water revenue adjustment mechanism law in Maine became available to regulated water utilities in Maine on October 15, 2015. Maine Water is currently precluded from seeking new rates in the Biddeford and Saco division due to provisions in the settlement agreement with the MPUC. As the stay-out periods for other divisions expire, Maine Water expects to request usage of this mechanism as Maine Water file rate cases for those divisions.

2. Pension and Other Post-Retirement Benefits

The following tables set forth the components of pension and other post-retirement benefit costs for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 .

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Pension Benefits

Components of Net Periodic Cost (in thousands):

Period ended March 31,	Three Months	
	2018	2017
Service Cost	\$ 524	\$ 514
Interest Cost	778	794
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(1,169)	(1,101)
Amortization of:		
Prior Service Cost	4	4
Net Recognized Loss	670	545
Net Periodic Benefit Cost	\$ 807	\$ 756

The Company expects to make a total contribution of approximately \$3,800,000 in 2018 for the 2017 plan year.

Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pension (PBOP)

Components of Net Periodic Cost (in thousands):

Period ended March 31,	Three Months	
	2018	2017
Service Cost	\$ 83	\$ 93
Interest Cost	125	133
Expected Return on Plan Assets	(93)	(88)
Other	—	56
Amortization of:		
Prior Service Credit	—	(45)
Recognized Net (Gain)	(6)	(9)
Net Periodic Benefit Cost	\$ 109	\$ 140

3. Earnings per Share

Earnings per weighted average common share are calculated by dividing net income applicable to common stock by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the respective periods as detailed below (diluted shares include the effect of stock awards):

Three months ended March 31,	2018	2017
Common Shares Outstanding End of Period	12,089,125	11,564,346
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding (Days Outstanding Basis):		
Basic	11,861,961	11,139,110
Diluted	12,080,484	11,364,879
Basic (Loss) Earnings per Share	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.36
Dilutive Effect of Stock Awards	—	—
Diluted (Loss) Earnings per Share	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.36

Total unrecognized compensation expense for all stock awards was approximately \$1.7 million as of March 31, 2018 and will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.3 years .

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**4. Recently Adopted and New Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers,” (“ASU No. 2014-09”) which amended its guidance related to revenue recognition. ASU No. 2014-09 requires an entity to recognize revenue as performance obligations are met, in order to reflect the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity is entitled to receive for those goods or services. The following steps are applied in the updated guidance: (1) identify the contract(s) with a customer; (2) identify the performance obligations in the contract; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (5) recognize revenue when, or as, the entity satisfies a performance obligation. ASU No. 2014-09 became effective for public companies for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2016, and could be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption, however early adoption is not permitted. On April 1, 2015, the FASB voted for a one-year deferral of the effective date of ASU No. 2014-09, making ASU No. 2014-09 effective for public companies for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company engaged in a project to analyze the impact that adoption of this standard would have on our consolidated financial statements, disclosures, and internal controls. The project included identification of the Company’s revenue streams, creation of an inventory of its contracts with customers, evaluation of a representative sample of these contracts with respect to the new guidance and documentation of any required changes in reporting. The Company derives more than 90% of its revenue from regulated delivery of water and wastewater services to its retail customers, which is considered a contract with customers under ASU 2014-09, excluding revenue recognized as WRA. The majority of the remainder of the Company’s revenue is derived from contract operations and unregulated revenues generated from its *Linebacker*® program, also considered a contract with customers under ASU 2014-09. The Company determined that revenue generated from the attachment of telecommunications equipment to its facilities through leases with third parties is outside the scope of ASU No. 2014-09. In 2017, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) power and utility entities revenue recognition task force determined that contributions in aid of construction are not in the scope of ASU No. 2014-09. The Company’s adoption of ASU No. 2014-09 on January 1, 2018 did not result in any change in the measurement and timing of recognition of its revenues. The Company used the modified retrospective approach when implementing ASU No. 2014-09. See Note 5 for more details.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, “Leases (Topic 842),” (“ASU No. 2016-02”), which will require lessees to recognize the following for all leases at the commencement date of a lease: a) a lease liability, which is a lessee’s obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease, measured on a discounted basis; and b) a right-of-use asset, which is an asset that represents the lessee’s right to use, or control the use of, a specified asset for the lease term. Public business entities should apply the amendments in ASU No. 2016-02 for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted for all public business entities and all nonpublic business entities upon issuance. Lessees (for capital and operating leases) and lessors (for sales-type, direct financing, and operating leases) must apply a modified retrospective transition approach for leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. The modified retrospective approach would not require any transition accounting for leases that expired before the earliest comparative period presented. Lessees and lessors may not apply a full retrospective transition approach. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this standard on its consolidated financial statements and footnote disclosures, but does not expect that the adoption of this guidance will materially impact our consolidated financial position.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-15, “Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments” (“ASU No. 2016-15”). The amendments ASU No. 2016-15 clarify the classification for eight different types of activities, including debt prepayment and extinguishment costs, proceeds from insurance claims and distributions from equity method investees. For public business entities, ASU No. 2016-15 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company’s adoption of this guidance did not materially impact our consolidated financial position or cash flows.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, "Compensation - Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost," (“ASU 2017-07”) which amends the requirements related to the income statement presentation of the components of net periodic benefit cost for employer sponsored defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans. Under ASU 2017-07, an entity must disaggregate and present the service cost component of net periodic benefit cost in the same income statement line item as other employee compensation costs arising from services rendered during the period, and only the service cost component will be eligible for capitalization. Other components of net periodic benefit cost will be presented separately from the line item that includes the service cost. The new standard is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted at the beginning of an annual period in which the financial statements have not been issued. Entities must use a retrospective transition method to adopt the requirement for separate presentation of the income statement

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service cost and other components, and a prospective transition method to adopt the requirement to limit the capitalization of benefit cost to the service component. As a result of the adoption of ASU 2017-07 in the first quarter of 2018, the Company reclassified \$233,000 out of Operation and Maintenance expense and moved it to the “Other” line item in the “Other (Deductions) Income, Net of Taxes” section of the March 31, 2017 Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income to conform with the requirements of 2017-07.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-02, “Income Statement-Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income”, (ASU No. 2018-02) to help businesses and other organizations present some effects from the Tax Act’s reduction in the corporate tax rate in their income statements. ASU No. 2018-02 gives the option of reclassifying what are called the “stranded” tax effects within accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings during each fiscal year or quarter in which the effect of the lower tax rate is recorded. ASU No. 2018-02 instructs businesses and other organizations to provide a disclosure in their financial statement footnotes that describes the accounting policy they used to release the income tax effects from accumulated other comprehensive income, whether they are reclassifying the stranded income tax effects from the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, and information about the other effects on taxes from the reclassification. ASU 2018-02 is effective for all organizations for fiscal years that begin after December 15, 2018, and the quarterly and other interim periods in those years, with early adoption permissible. The Company adopted ASU No. 2018-02 effective December 31, 2017. The adoption of ASU No. 2018-02 resulted in an approximate \$70,000 increase to Retained Earnings at December 31, 2017.

5. Revenues from Contracts with Customers*Accounting Policy*

Our revenues are primarily from tariff-based sales. We provide water and wastewater services to customers under these tariffs without a defined contractual term (at-will). As the revenue from these arrangements is based upon the amount of the water and wastewater services supplied and billed in that period (including estimated billings), there was not a shift in the timing or pattern of revenue recognition for such sales when compared to our revenue recognition prior to the adoption of ASU 2014-09. We have also completed the evaluation of our other revenue streams, including those tied to longer term contractual commitments and the Company’s *Linebacker* program.

Customers are primarily billed quarterly on a cycle basis. To match revenues with associated expenses, we accrue unbilled revenues for water and wastewater services delivered to customers, but not yet billed at month end, creating a contract asset.

Nature of Goods and Services

Water Operations - We currently provide retail water and wastewater services to five primary customer classes. Our largest customer class consists of residential customers, which include single private dwellings and individual apartments. Our commercial class consists primarily of main street businesses, our industrial class consists primarily of manufacturing and processing businesses that turn raw materials into products, our public authority class represents services provided primarily to municipality or other government customers, and, finally, our fire protection class consists of services related to fire suppression systems and fire hydrants. Connecticut Water’s management has determined that tariff-based receipts; except for the WRA and other deferred revenue mechanisms, which are considered alternative revenue programs; are considered revenues from contracts with customers.

- The Company has performance obligations for the service of standing ready to deliver water to customers. The Company recognizes revenue at a fixed rate as it provides these services, as approved by regulators. These arrangements generally do not have fixed terms and remain in effect as long as the customer consumes the utility service. The rates are set by PURA and the MPUC through the rate-making process and represent the stand-alone selling price of Company’s service to stand ready to deliver.
- The Company has performance obligations for the service of delivering the commodity of water to customers. The Company recognizes revenue at a price per unit of water delivered (gallons, cubic feet, etc.), based on the tariffs established by our regulators. These arrangements generally do not have fixed terms and remain in effect as long as the customer consumes the utility service. The rates are set by PURA and the MPUC through the rate-making process and represent the stand-alone selling price of a bundled product comprising the commodity and the service of delivering such commodity.
- The Company has a performance obligation related to administrative services such as turn-on/turn-off services, assessment of late charges, etc. The Company views that these services are not distinct in the context of the contract because they are highly interdependent for the effective delivery of water service provided to consumers.

Based on the above discussion, the Company believes that the Goods and Services provided under customer contracts constitute a single performance obligation. The Company believes that this performance obligation is satisfied over time.

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Services and Rentals - We provide contracted services to water utilities and other clients and also lease certain of our properties to third parties. The types of services provided include contract operations of water; *Linebacker*, our service line protection plan for public drinking water customers; and providing bulk deliveries of emergency drinking water to businesses and residences via tanker truck. Our lease and rental income comes primarily from the renting of residential and commercial property. The goods and services provided by *Linebacker* have been determined to be based on the stand ready nature of the Company to provide the goods and services and, therefore, customers simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided by the Company. The other revenue streams in the Services and Rentals segment, including contracted services to water utilities and other clients, have performance obligations that are satisfied at a point in time, and likewise will not have a shift in the timing or pattern of revenue recognition.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table disaggregates our revenue by major source and customer class (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
Water Operations		
Residential	\$ 14,409	\$ 12,796
Commercial	2,930	2,598
Industrial	719	641
Public Authority	747	679
Fire Protection	5,172	4,741
Other (including non-metered accounts)	874	496
Water Operations Revenues from Contracts with Customers	24,851	21,951
Alternative Revenue Program	2	512
Other	373	323
<i>Total Revenue from Water Operations</i>	25,226	22,786
Services and Rentals		
Contract Operations	569	570
Linebacker	618	619
Service and Rentals Revenues from Contracts with Customers	1,187	1,189
Other	18	21
<i>Total Revenue from Services and Rentals</i>	1,205	1,210
<i>Total Revenue from Real Estate Transactions</i>	—	212
Total Revenues from Contracts with Customers	26,038	23,140
Total Revenue	\$ 26,431	\$ 24,208

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The following table show the components of Accounts Receivable and Accrued Unbilled Revenues related to revenues from contracts with customers:

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>		
Water Operations Segment	\$ 11,792	\$ 12,885
Services and Rentals Segment	135	107
Accounts Receivable from Contracts with Customers	11,927	12,992
Other accounts receivable	850	1,973
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 12,777	\$ 14,965
Accrued Unbilled Revenues from Contracts with Customers	\$ 8,238	\$ 8,481

Accounts Receivable and Accrued Unbilled Revenues: Accounts receivable are comprised of trade receivables primarily from our regulated water customers. The Company records their accounts receivable at cost, which approximates fair value. Additionally, the Company establishes an allowance for uncollectible accounts based on historical losses, management's assessment of existing economic conditions, customer payment trends, and other factors. The Company assess late payment fees on trade receivables based on contractual past-due terms established with customers and approved by PURA or the MPUC. The provision for bad debts is charged to operating expense.

The Company's customers are primarily billed quarterly in cycles having billing dates that do not generally coincide with the end of a fiscal quarter. This results in customers having received water or waste water services that they have not been billed for as of a given period's end. The Company estimates its unbilled revenues by applying an average billed rate to total unbilled deliveries for each customer class.

6. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) ("AOCI") by component, net of tax, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows (in thousands):

Three months ended March 31, 2018	Unrealized Gains on		Total
	Investments	Defined Benefit Items	
Beginning Balance (a)	\$ 442	\$ (870)	\$ (428)
Other Comprehensive Loss Before Reclassification	(43)	—	(43)
Amounts Reclassified from AOCI	17	34	51
Net current-period Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	(26)	34	8
Ending Balance	\$ 416	\$ (836)	\$ (420)
Three months ended March 31, 2017	Unrealized Gains on		Total
	Investments	Defined Benefit Items	
Beginning Balance (a)	\$ 235	\$ (1,159)	\$ (924)
Other Comprehensive Income Before Reclassification	64	—	64
Amounts Reclassified from AOCI	—	39	39
Net current-period Other Comprehensive Income	64	39	103
Ending Balance	\$ 299	\$ (1,120)	\$ (821)

(a) All amounts shown are net of tax. Amounts in parentheses indicate loss.

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The following table sets forth the amounts reclassified from AOCI by component and the affected line item on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 (in thousands):

Details about Other AOCI Components	Amounts Reclassified from AOCI Three Months Ended March 31, 2018(a)	Amounts Reclassified from AOCI Three Months Ended March 31, 2017(a)	Affected Line Items on Income Statement
Realized Gains on Investments	\$ 24	\$ —	Other Income
Tax expense	(7)	—	Other Income
	<u>17</u>	<u>—</u>	
Amortization of Recognized Net Gain from Defined Benefit Items	47	64	Other Income (b)
Tax expense	(13)	(25)	Other Income
	<u>34</u>	<u>39</u>	
Total Reclassifications for the period, net of tax	\$ 51	\$ 39	

(a) Amounts in parentheses indicate loss/expense.

(b) Included in computation of net periodic pension cost (see Note 2 for additional details).

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7. Long-Term Debt

Long-Term Debt at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 consisted of the following (in thousands):

			2018	2017
4.09%	CTWS	Term Loan Note	\$ 12,082	\$ 12,358
4.15%	CTWS	CoBank Term Note Payable, Due 2037	14,760	14,881
Total CTWS			26,842	27,239
Var.	Connecticut Water	2004 Series Variable Rate, Due 2029	12,500	12,500
Var.	Connecticut Water	2004 Series A, Due 2028	5,000	5,000
Var.	Connecticut Water	2004 Series B, Due 2028	4,550	4,550
5.00%	Connecticut Water	2011 A Series, Due 2021	22,870	22,920
3.16%	Connecticut Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due 2020	8,000	8,000
3.51%	Connecticut Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due 2022	14,795	14,795
4.29%	Connecticut Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due 2028	17,020	17,020
4.72%	Connecticut Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due 2032	14,795	14,795
4.75%	Connecticut Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due 2033	14,550	14,550
4.36%	Connecticut Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due May 2036	30,000	30,000
4.04%	Connecticut Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due July 2036	19,930	19,930
3.53%	Connecticut Water	NY Life Senior Note, Due September 2037	35,000	35,000
Total Connecticut Water			199,010	199,060
4.75%	HVWC	2011 Farmington Bank Loan, Due 2034	4,423	4,464
3.05%	Avon Water	Mortgage Note Payable, due 2033	3,260	3,302
8.95%	Maine Water	1994 Series G, Due 2024	6,300	6,300
2.68%	Maine Water	1999 Series J, Due 2019	85	170
0.00%	Maine Water	2001 Series K, Due 2031	533	574
2.58%	Maine Water	2002 Series L, Due 2022	53	60
1.53%	Maine Water	2003 Series M, Due 2023	271	321
1.73%	Maine Water	2004 Series N, Due 2024	341	341
0.00%	Maine Water	2004 Series O, Due 2034	107	113
1.76%	Maine Water	2006 Series P, Due 2026	331	361
1.57%	Maine Water	2009 Series R, Due 2029	197	207
0.00%	Maine Water	2009 Series S, Due 2029	516	538
0.00%	Maine Water	2009 Series T, Due 2029	1,446	1,509
0.00%	Maine Water	2012 Series U, Due 2042	142	148
1.00%	Maine Water	2013 Series V, Due 2033	1,285	1,310
4.24%	Maine Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due 2024	4,500	4,500
4.18%	Maine Water	CoBank Note Payable, Due 2026	5,000	5,000
7.72%	Maine Water	Series L, Due 2018	2,250	2,250
2.40%	Maine Water	Series N, Due 2022	826	1,026
1.86%	Maine Water	Series O, Due 2025	750	750
2.23%	Maine Water	Series P, Due 2028	1,234	1,264
0.01%	Maine Water	Series Q, Due 2035	1,584	1,678
1.00%	Maine Water	Series R, Due 2025	2,009	2,009
Various	Maine Water	Various Capital Leases	—	2
Total Maine Water			29,760	30,431
Add: Acquisition Fair Value Adjustment			(86)	(51)
Less: Current Portion			(6,246)	(6,173)
Less: Unamortized Debt Issuance Expense			(4,769)	(4,905)
Total Long-Term Debt			\$ 252,194	\$ 253,367

There are no mandatory sinking fund payments required on Connecticut Water's outstanding bonds. However, certain fixed rate Unsecured Water Facilities Revenue Refinancing Bonds provide for an estate redemption right whereby the estate of deceased bondholders or surviving joint owners may submit bonds to the trustee for redemption at par, subject to a \$25,000 per individual holder and a 3% annual aggregate limitation.

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On January 10, 2017, Maine Water executed and delivered to CoBank a new Promissory Note and Single Advance Term Loan Supplement, dated January 10, 2017 (the “Third Promissory Note”). On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Third Promissory Note issued pursuant to the Agreement, CoBank agreed to make an unsecured loan (the “Loan”) to Maine Water in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 at 4.18%, due December 30, 2026. The proceeds of the Loan will be used to finance new capital expenditures and refinance existing debt owed to the Company, incurred in connection with general water system improvements.

On August 28, 2017, the Company executed and delivered to CoBank a new Promissory Note and Supplement (2017 Single Advance Term Loan) (the “2017 Promissory Note”). On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the 2017 Promissory Note issued pursuant to the Company’s Master Loan Agreement, CoBank agreed to make a term loan (the “Loan”) to the Company in the principal amount of \$15,000,000. Under the 2017 Promissory Note, the Company will pay interest on the Loan at a fixed rate of 4.15% per year through August 20, 2037, the maturity date of the Loan.

On September 28, 2017, Connecticut Water completed the issuance of \$35,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.53% unsecured Senior Notes due September 25, 2037 (the “Senior Notes”). The Senior Notes were issued pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement dated as of September 28, 2017 (the “Purchase Agreement”) between and among Connecticut Water, NYL Investors, LLC (“NY Life”), as agent, and the Purchasers listed in the Purchaser Schedule attached to the Purchase Agreement, in a private placement financing exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The proceeds of the sale of the Senior Notes will be used by Connecticut Water to repay loans from the Company the proceeds of which were used for capital expenditure projects by Connecticut Water. The Senior Notes bear interest at the rate of 3.53% per annum, payable semi-annually on March 27 and September 27 of each year commencing on March 27, 2018. The principal amount of the Senior Notes, if not previously paid, shall be due on September 25, 2037. The Senior Notes are callable in whole or in part, subject to a make-whole amount.

During the first three months of 2018, the Company paid approximately \$397,000 related to Connecticut Water Service’s 2017 CoBank issuance as well as Connecticut Water Service’s Term Note Payable issued as part of the 2012 acquisition of Maine Water, approximately \$671,000 in sinking funds related to Maine Water’s outstanding bonds, approximately \$41,000 in sinking funds related to HVWC’s bank loan and \$42,000 related to Avon Water’s mortgage note payable.

Financial Covenants – The Company and its subsidiaries are required to comply with certain covenants in connection with various long term loan agreements. The most restrictive of these covenants is to maintain a consolidated debt to capitalization ratio of not more than 60%. Additionally, Maine Water has restrictions on cash dividends paid based on restricted net assets. The Company and its subsidiaries were in compliance with all covenants at March 31, 2018.

8. Fair Value Disclosures

FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (“FASB ASC 820”) provides enhanced guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities and expands disclosure with respect to fair value measurements.

FASB ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the Company’s assumptions (unobservable inputs). The hierarchy consists of three broad levels, as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than Level 1 that are either directly or indirectly observable.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs developed using the Company’s estimates and assumptions, which reflect those that the Company believes market participants would use.

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The following table summarizes our financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis within the fair value hierarchy as of March 31, 2018 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Asset Type:				
Money Market Fund	\$ 70	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 70
Mutual Funds:				
Equity Funds (1)	1,994	—	—	1,994
Fixed Income Funds (2)	635	—	—	635
Total	\$ 2,699	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,699

The following table summarizes our financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2017 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Asset Type:				
Money Market Fund	\$ 70	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 70
Mutual Funds:				
Equity Funds (1)	2,051	—	—	2,051
Fixed Income Funds (2)	642	—	—	642
Total	\$ 2,763	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,763

- (1) Mutual funds consist primarily of equity securities and are presented on the Other Property and Investments line item of the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (2) Mutual funds consist primarily of fixed income securities and are presented on the Other Property and Investments line item of the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each of the following financial instruments, which are not recorded at fair value on the financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents – Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid instruments with original maturities at the time of purchase of three months or less. The carrying amount approximates fair value. Under the fair value hierarchy the fair value of cash and cash equivalents is classified as a Level 1 measurement.

Company Owned Life Insurance – The fair value of Company Owned Life Insurance is based on the cash surrender value of the contracts. These contracts are based principally on a referenced pool of investment funds that actively redeem shares and are observable and measurable and are presented on the “Other Property and Investments” line item of the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The value of Company Owned Life Insurance at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 was \$4,047,000 and \$4,018,000, respectively.

Long-Term Debt – The fair value of the Company's fixed rate long-term debt is based upon borrowing rates currently available to the Company. As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the estimated fair value of the Company's long-term debt was \$263,170,000 and \$268,628,000, respectively, as compared to the carrying amounts of \$256,963,000 and \$258,272,000, respectively. The estimated fair value of long term debt was calculated using a discounted cash flow model that uses comparable interest rates and yield curve data based on the A-rated MMD (Municipal Market Data) Index which is a benchmark of current municipal bond yields. Under the fair value hierarchy, the fair value of long term debt is classified as a Level 2 measurement.

Advances for Construction – Customer advances for construction had a carrying amount of \$20,363,000 and \$20,024,000 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Their relative fair values cannot be accurately estimated since future refund payments depend on several variables, including new customer connections, customer consumption levels and future rate increases.

The fair values shown above have been reported to meet the disclosure requirements of FASB ASC 825, “Financial Instruments” (“FASB ASC 825”) and do not purport to represent the amounts at which those obligations would be settled.

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9. Segment Reporting

The Company operates principally in three business segments: Water Operations, Real Estate Transactions, and Services and Rentals. Financial data for the segments is as follows (in thousands):

Three months ended March 31, 2018

Segment	Revenues	Pre-Tax Income	Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	Net (Loss) Income
Water Operations	\$ 25,226	\$ (1,875)	\$ (252)	\$ (1,623)
Real Estate Transactions	—	—	—	—
Services and Rentals	1,205	546	150	396
Total	\$ 26,431	\$ (1,329)	\$ (102)	\$ (1,227)

Three months ended March 31, 2017

Segment	Revenues	Pre-Tax Income	Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	Net Income
Water Operations	\$ 22,786	\$ 3,495	\$ (282)	\$ 3,777
Real Estate Transactions	212	55	22	33
Services and Rentals	1,210	491	233	258
Total	\$ 24,208	\$ 4,041	\$ (27)	\$ 4,068

The revenues shown in Water Operations above consisted of revenues from water customers of \$24,853,000 and \$22,463,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. Additionally, there were revenues associated with utility plant leased to others of \$373,000 and \$323,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The revenues from water and wastewater customers for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 include \$61,000 and \$573,000 in additional revenues related to the application of the WRA, respectively.

The Company owns various small, discrete parcels of land that are no longer required for water supply purposes. From time to time, the Company may sell or donate these parcels, depending on various factors, including the current market for land, the amount of tax benefits received for donations and the Company's ability to use any benefits received from donations.

Assets by segment (in thousands):

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
<i>Total Plant and Other Investments:</i>		
Water Operations	\$ 709,641	\$ 707,362
Non-Water	1,118	1,023
	710,759	708,385
<i>Other Assets:</i>		
Water Operations	188,840	188,590
Non-Water	2,365	1,808
	191,205	190,398
Total Assets	\$ 901,964	\$ 898,783

10. Income Taxes

FASB ASC 740 Income Taxes ("FASB ASC 740") addresses the determination of how tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under FASB ASC 740, the Company must recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate resolution.

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The Company adopted the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) temporary tangible property regulations on the Company’s 2012 Federal tax return. Since that time, the Company has been recording a provision for any possible disallowance of a portion of the repair deduction if the deductions were unable to be sustained on audit by the IRS. While the Company believes that the deductions taken on its tax returns are appropriate, the methodology for determining the deduction has not been agreed to by the taxing authorities. During the Company’s review of the position through the quarter ended March 31, 2017, new information caused management to reassess the previously recorded provision. This reassessment resulted in the reversal of a portion of the provision related to the Maine subsidiary, in the amount of \$1,164,000 in the first quarter of 2017. Additionally, in the quarter ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded, as required by FASB ASC 740, a provision of \$310,000 for a portion of the benefit that is not being returned to customers resulting from any possible tax authority challenge. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded a provision of \$200,000 for a portion of the benefit that is not being returned to customers resulting from any possible tax authority challenge. The Company had previously recorded a provision of \$4.6 million in prior years for a cumulative total of \$4.8 million.

On December 22, 2017 H.R. 1, originally known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, (the “Tax Act”) was enacted. Among the significant changes to the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, the Tax Act lowers the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate (“Federal Tax Rate”) from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018. In December 2017, the Securities and Exchange Commission staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118, which addresses how a company recognizes provisional amounts when a company does not have the necessary information available, prepared or analyzed (including computations) in reasonable detail to complete its accounting for the effect of the changes in the Tax Act. The measurement period ends when a company has obtained, prepared and analyzed the information necessary to finalize its accounting, but cannot extend beyond one year. While we are able to make reasonable estimates of the impact of the reduction in corporate rate, the final impact of the Tax Act may differ from these estimates, due to, among other things, changes in our interpretations and assumptions, additional guidance that may be issued by the I.R.S., and actions we may take. We are continuing to gather additional information to determine the final impact. Provisional amounts have been recorded as a Regulatory Liability to the extent that the tax savings over time will be returned to customers in utility rates, and a non-cash adjustment was recognized to record additional income tax expense to the extent revalued deferred income taxes are not believed to be recoverable in utility customer rates. Accounting for the income tax effects of the Tax Act is expected to be completed when an decision is reached by both PURA and the MPUC regarding the impact that shall be included in utility customer rates. During the first quarter of 2018, the Company performed further analysis on the impact of the enacted legislation. Through the quarter ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded an excess accumulated deferred tax liability of \$31 million, of which \$28 million relates to the Tax Act. The additional analysis resulted in no change to the Unrecovered Income Taxes and Unfunded Future Income Taxes or income tax expense.

From time to time, the Company may be assessed interest and penalties by taxing authorities. In those cases, the charges would appear on the Other line item within the Other Income (Deductions), Net of Taxes section of the Company’s Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. There were no such charges for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. Additionally, there were no accruals relating to interest or penalties as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The Company remains subject to examination by federal and state tax authorities for the 2014 through 2016 tax years. On April 26, 2017, Avon Water was notified by the IRS that its stand-alone Federal tax filing for 2015 was selected to be reviewed beginning in the second quarter of 2017 and the audit has since been expanded to include the 2016 standalone tax year. On March 20, 2018, Avon Water received two notices of adjustment from the IRS related to the Federal tax audit for the tax year ended December 31, 2015. As a result, a reduction in the net operating loss carryover of \$55,000 was recorded during the period ended March 31, 2018.

The Company is currently engaged in an analysis to determine the amount of expenditures related to tangible property that will be reflected on its 2018 Federal Tax Return to be filed in September 2019. As a result, through the first quarter of 2018, the Company has estimated the portion of its infrastructure investment that will qualify as a repair deduction for 2018 and has reflected that deduction in its effective tax rate, net of any reserves. Consistent with other differences between book and tax expenditures, the Company is required to use the flow-through method to account for any timing differences not required by the IRS to be normalized.

The Company’s effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 was 7.7% and (0.7)% , respectively. The Company’s effective tax rate, excluding discrete items recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, was 26.7% and 20.5% , respectively. In 2018, these discrete items include adjustments related to uncertain tax positions for the repair deduction in Connecticut, an IRS audit adjustment, and adjustments required under the Tax Act. In 2017, these discrete items include adjustments related to uncertain tax positions for the repair deduction in both Connecticut and Maine. Excluding discrete items, there was an increase in the effective tax rate year over year for the three month period of approximately 6%. The increase in the effective tax rate for this period can be attributed to higher non-deductible acquisition costs in 2018 than in 2017, offset partially by a higher estimated performance stock deduction and a higher repair deduction in 2018 than in 2017. The blended Federal and State statutory income tax rates during the periods ending March 31, 2018 and

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2017 were 28% and 41% , respectively. In determining its annual estimated effective tax rate for interim periods, the Company reflects its estimated permanent and flow-through tax differences for the taxable year, including the basis difference for the adoption of the tangible property regulations.

11. Lines of Credit

As of March 31, 2018 , the Company maintained a \$15.0 million line of credit agreement with CoBank, that is currently scheduled to expire on July 1, 2020 . The Company maintained an additional line of credit of \$45.0 million with Citizens Bank, N.A., with an expiration date of April 25, 2021 . Additionally, Avon Water maintains a \$3.0 million line of credit with Northwest Community Bank, with an expiration date of September 30, 2018 . As of March 31, 2018 , the total lines of credit available to the Company were \$63.0 million . As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 , the Company had \$29.2 million and \$19.3 million , respectively, of Interim Bank Loans Payable. As of March 31, 2018 , the Company had \$33.8 million in unused lines of credit. Interest expense charged on lines of credit will fluctuate based on market interest rates.

12. AcquisitionsThe Heritage Village Water Company Acquisition

On May 10, 2016, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement to acquire HVWC, pending a vote of HVWC shareholders, approval by PURA and MPUC and the satisfaction of other various closing conditions, pursuant to the terms of Agreement and Plan of Merger dated May 10, 2016 between and among HVWC, the Company, and HAC, Inc., the Company's wholly-owned Connecticut subsidiary (the "Merger Agreement"). HVWC serves approximately 4,700 water customers in the Towns of Southbury, Middlebury, and Oxford, Connecticut and approximately 3,000 wastewater customers in the Town of Southbury, Connecticut.

The acquisition was executed through a stock-for-stock merger transaction valued at approximately \$16.9 million . Holders of HVWC common stock received shares of the Company's common stock in a tax-free exchange. In addition, the transaction reflected a total enterprise value of HVWC of approximately \$21.5 million, with the \$16.9 million paid to shareholders in a stock exchange and the assumption by the Company of approximately \$4.6 million of debt held by HVWC at the time of the acquisition.

The Company received regulatory approval from MPUC on September 28, 2016 and from PURA on December 5, 2016, to proceed with the transaction. The shareholders of HVWC voted to approve the acquisition at a special meeting of HVWC's shareholders held on February 27, 2017.

On February 27, 2017, the Company completed the acquisition of HVWC by completing the merger of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary HAC, Inc. with and into HVWC, with HVWC as the surviving corporation, pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement and Connecticut corporate law. Upon the effective time of the Merger, the holders of HVWC's 1,620 issued and outstanding shares of common stock became entitled to receive an aggregate of 300,445 shares of the Company's common stock in a tax-free exchange, which exchange was commenced promptly by the issuance of a letter of transmittal and related materials by Connecticut Water's exchange agent.

The Avon Water Company Acquisition

On October 12, 2016, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement to acquire Avon Water, pending a vote of Avon Water shareholders, approval by PURA and the MPUC and the satisfaction of other various closing conditions, pursuant to the terms of that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger dated October 11, 2016 as amended on March 29, 2017 between and among Avon Water, the Company, and WC-A I, Inc., the Company's wholly-owned Connecticut subsidiary (the "Merger Agreement"). Avon Water serves approximately 4,800 customers in the Farmington Valley communities of Avon, Farmington, and Simsbury, Connecticut.

On February 10, 2017, Connecticut Water received regulatory approval from MPUC and on April 12, 2017, Connecticut Water received regulatory approval from the PURA to proceed with the transaction. The shareholders of Avon Water voted to approve the acquisition at a special meeting of Avon Water's shareholders held on June 16, 2017.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Company completed the acquisition of Avon Water by completing the merger of Connecticut Water's wholly-owned subsidiary WC-A I, Inc. with and into Avon Water, with Avon Water as the surviving corporation, pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement and Connecticut corporate law. Upon the effective time of the Merger, the holders of Avon Water's 122,289 issued and outstanding shares of common stock became entitled to receive the following merger consideration for each share of Avon Water common stock held: (i) a cash payment of \$50.11; and (ii) a stock consideration component, consisting of 3.97 shares of the Company's common stock.

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The transaction was completed through a stock-for-stock exchange where Avon Water shareholders received the Company's common stock valued at approximately \$26.9 million, in a tax-free exchange, and a cash payment of \$6.1 million for a total payment to shareholders of \$33.0 million. The transaction reflects a total enterprise value of approximately \$39.1 million, with the \$33.0 million paid to shareholders and the assumption by the Company of approximately \$6.1 million of debt of Avon Water.

While the purchase price allocation of HVWC has been completed, the Company is still in the process of finalizing the purchase price allocation of Avon Water as additional information becomes available. The following table summarizes the fair value of the HVWC assets acquired on February 27, 2017 and the Avon Water assets on July 1, 2017, the dates of the acquisitions (in thousands):

	HVWC	Avon Water
Net Utility Plant	\$ 28,861	\$ 28,330
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,336	455
Accounts Receivable, net	355	379
Prepayments and Other Current Assets	179	243
Accrued Unbilled Revenues	47	467
Materials and Supplies, at Average Cost	63	151
Goodwill	12,777	23,812
Unrecovered Income Taxes - Regulatory Asset	—	3,619
Deferred Charges and Other Costs	343	799
Total Assets Acquired	\$ 43,961	\$ 58,255
Long-Term Debt, including current portion	\$ 4,642	\$ 3,145
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	149	584
Interim Bank Loans Payable	—	2,500
Other Current Liabilities	238	32
Advances for Construction	1,897	1,537
Deferred Federal and State Income Taxes	1,680	1,880
Unfunded Future Income Taxes	—	3,619
Other Long-Term Liabilities	—	314
Total Liabilities Assumed	\$ 8,606	\$ 13,611
Contributions in Aid of Construction	18,452	11,560
Net Assets Acquired	\$ 16,903	\$ 33,084

The estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed were determined based on the accounting guidance for fair value measurement under GAAP, which defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value analysis assumes the highest and best use of the assets by market participants. The allocation of the purchase price includes an adjustment to fair value related to the fair value of HVWC's and Avon Water's long term debt and any associated deferred taxes. The excess of the purchase price paid over the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed was recognized as goodwill, none of which is deductible for tax purposes. Goodwill recognized as part of the acquisitions of HVWC and Avon Water are a part of the Company's Water Operations segment.

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The following unaudited pro forma summary for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 presents information as if HVWC and Avon Water had each been acquired on January 1, 2017 and assumes that there were no other changes in our operations. The following pro forma information does not necessarily reflect the actual results that would have occurred had the Company operated the businesses since January 1, 2017, nor is it necessarily indicative of the future results of operations of the combined companies (in thousands):

Three months ended March 31,	2018		2017	
Operating Revenues	\$	24,853	\$	24,054
Other Water Activities Revenues		373		326
Real Estate Revenues		—		212
Service and Rentals Revenues		1,205		1,210
Total Revenues	\$	26,431	\$	25,802
Net (Loss) Income	\$	(1,227)	\$	4,132
Basic Earnings per Average Share Outstanding	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.35
Diluted Earnings per Average Share Outstanding	\$	(0.10)	\$	0.34

The following table summarizes the results of HVWC and Avon Water for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and from the dates of acquisition to March 31, 2017 (from February 27, 2017 for HVWC and July 1, 2017 for Avon Water) and is included in the Consolidated Statement of Income for the period (in thousands):

Three months ended March 31, 2018

Operating Revenues	\$	1,931
Other Water Activities Revenues		32
Real Estate Revenues		—
Service and Rentals Revenues		—
Total Revenues	\$	1,963
Net Income	\$	217
Basic Earnings per Average Share Outstanding	\$	0.02
Diluted Earnings per Average Share Outstanding	\$	0.02

Period ending March 31, 2017

Operating Revenues	\$	336
Other Water Activities Revenues		—
Real Estate Revenues		—
Service and Rentals Revenues		—
Total Revenues	\$	336
Net Income	\$	85
Basic Earnings per Average Share Outstanding	\$	0.01
Diluted Earnings per Average Share Outstanding	\$	0.01

Part I, Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited financial statements and related notes thereto and the audited financial statements and the notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

General Information**Proposed Merger with SJW Group**

On March 14, 2018, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with SJW Group, a Delaware corporation ("SJW"), and Hydro Sub, Inc., a Connecticut corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of SJW ("Merger Sub"), pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of SJW (the "Merger"). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, at the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding share of our common stock (other than certain cancelled shares) will be converted into the

right to receive 1.1375 shares of SJW common stock.

The Board of Directors approved, adopted and declared advisable and resolved to recommend to the Company's shareholders the approval of the Merger Agreement and the Merger following a comprehensive review of the transaction. The Merger is subject to certain customary closing conditions, including, among other things, approval of the Merger Agreement by the Company's shareholders, approval of the issuance of SJW common stock in the Merger by SJW's stockholders, and regulatory approvals (including the expiration or termination of the required waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "HSR Act"), and the approval of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") and the Maine Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC")).

On April 18, 2018, each of the Company and SJW filed its notification under the HSR Act, and the waiting period under the HSR Act was terminated on April 27, 2018. On April 25, 2018, SJW filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes the preliminary joint proxy statement of the Company and SJW, which also constitutes a prospectus of SJW, related to the Merger. On May 4, 2018, the Company and SJW filed with PURA a joint application for approval of the Merger and Maine Water filed with MPUC an application for approval of the Merger. The Company and SJW expect the closing of the Merger to occur during the fourth quarter of 2018.

Regulatory Matters

The rates we charge our water and waste water customers in Connecticut and Maine are established under the jurisdiction of and are approved by PURA and the MPUC, respectively. It is our policy to seek rate relief as necessary to enable us to achieve an adequate rate of return. Connecticut Water's allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 9.75% and 7.32%, respectively. HVWC's blended water and wastewater allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 10.10% and 7.19%, respectively. Avon Water's allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 10.00% and 7.79%, respectively. Maine Water's average allowed return on equity and return on rate base, effective March 31, 2018, were 9.50% and 7.96%, respectively. The PURA establishes rates in Connecticut on a company-wide basis while the MPUC approves Maine Water's rates on a division-by-division basis. Each of Connecticut Water, HVWC, Avon Water and Maine Water are allowed to add surcharges to customers' bills in order to recover certain costs associated with approved capital projects in between full rate cases, as well as approved surcharges for Water Revenue Adjustments, in Connecticut, as discussed in more detail below. HVWC has not added surcharges to customers' bills in order to recover certain approved capital projects as of March 31, 2018, however, HVWC, as authorized by PURA, began to utilize Water Revenue Adjustments as of March 31, 2017.

On January 3, 2018, PURA filed a motion to reopen the most recent rate case decisions for the Company's Connecticut Regulated Companies to determine what, if any, adjustments to rates are appropriate to account for revisions to tax laws, including corporate tax rates, contained in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("Tax Act"). As discussed below, Connecticut Water has entered into a settlement agreement with the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") that covers treatment of the Tax Act. On January 11, 2018, the MPUC issued a notice of investigation to determine the impact of the Tax Act on Maine Water. The investigation will allow the MPUC to determine the specific impact of the Tax Act and whether any rate adjustments are warranted. Following discovery, a technical conference was held April 19, 2018. The current schedule for the investigation anticipates a report by the Hearing Examiner in August 2018. In addition to determining the impact of the Tax Act on the justness and reasonableness of Maine Water's rates, the MPUC will consider whether to issue an accounting order to establish a regulatory liability which defers for future flow-through to ratepayers the impact of the tax changes.

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The acquisition was executed through a stock-for-stock merger transaction valued at approximately \$16.9 million. Holders of HVWC common stock received shares of the Company's common stock in a tax-free exchange. In addition, the transaction reflected a total enterprise value of HVWC of approximately \$21.5 million, with the \$16.9 million paid to shareholders in a stock exchange and the assumption by the Company of approximately \$4.6 million of debt held by HVWC at the time of the acquisition.

The Company received regulatory approval from MPUC on September 28, 2016 and from PURA on December 5, 2016, to proceed with the transaction. The shareholders of HVWC voted to approve the acquisition at a special meeting of HVWC's shareholders held on February 27, 2017.

On February 27, 2017, the Company completed the acquisition of HVWC by completing the merger of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary HAC, Inc. with and into HVWC, with HVWC as the surviving corporation, pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement and Connecticut corporate law. Upon the effective time of the Merger, the holders of HVWC's 1,620 issued and outstanding shares of common stock became entitled to receive an aggregate of 300,445 shares of the Company's common stock in a tax-free exchange, which exchange was commenced promptly by the issuance of a letter of transmittal and related materials by Connecticut Water's exchange agent.

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On February 10, 2017, Connecticut Water received regulatory approval from MPUC and on April 12, 2017, Connecticut Water received regulatory approval from PURA to proceed with the transaction. The shareholders of Avon Water voted to approve the acquisition at a special meeting of Avon Water's shareholders held on June 16, 2017.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Company completed the acquisition of Avon Water by completing the merger of Connecticut Water's wholly-owned subsidiary WC-A I, Inc. with and into Avon Water, with Avon Water as the surviving corporation, pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement and Connecticut corporate law. Upon the effective time of the Merger, the holders of Avon Water's 122,289 issued and outstanding shares of common stock became entitled to receive the following merger consideration for each share of Avon Water common stock held: (i) a cash payment of \$50.11; and (ii) a stock consideration component, consisting of 3.97 shares of the Company's common stock.

The transaction was completed through a stock-for-stock exchange where Avon Water shareholders received the Company's common stock valued at approximately \$26.9 million, in a tax-free exchange, and a cash payment of \$6.1 million for a total payment to shareholders of \$33.0 million. The transaction reflects a total enterprise value of approximately \$39.1 million, with the \$33.0 million paid to shareholders and the assumption by the Company of approximately \$6.1 million of debt of Avon Water.

Maine Water Land Sale

On March 11, 2016, Maine Water entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the Coastal Mountains Land Trust, a Maine nonprofit corporation (the "Land Trust") pursuant to which Maine Water agreed to sell two conservation easements to the Land Trust on approximately 1,300 acres of land located in the towns of Rockport, Camden and Hope, in Knox County, Maine valued in the aggregate at \$3.1 million. The land had a book value of approximately \$600,000 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and is included in "Utility Plant" on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. The easements and purchase prices are as follows:

1. Ragged Mountain Mirror Lake Conservation Easement: \$1,875,000; and
2. Grassy Pond conservation Easement: \$600,000.

On October 13, 2017, an amendment to the agreement was made to extend closing of the first transaction to June 30, 2018, from December 31, 2017. This is also expected to extend the second closing into 2020. Maine Water will make a \$200,000 contribution to the Land Trust upon completion of the closing of the first easement sale. Maine Water also expects to claim a charitable deduction for the \$600,000 in excess of the fair market value of the second easement over the \$600,000 sale price.

Connecticut Rates

Connecticut Water's Water Infrastructure Conservation Adjustment ("WICA") was 9.81% and 7.13% at March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. On February 10, 2018, Connecticut Water filed its annual WICA reconciliation, requesting a 0.38% additional surcharge, which would replace the 0.06% reconciliation filed in January 2017. On March 28, 2018, PURA approved the new 0.38% surcharge. Additionally, PURA reduced Connecticut Water's WICA surcharge by 0.15% due to the effects of the Tax Act. As of April 1, 2018, Connecticut Water's WICA surcharge was 9.98%. As of March 31, 2018, Avon Water's WICA surcharge was 8.09%. As of April 1, 2018, Avon's reconciliation adjustment reduction of 0.25% related to excess revenues in 2016 expired and a new reconciliation adjustment of 0.01% became effective. As a result of the Tax Act, Avon Water's WICA surcharge was ultimately reduced to 7.51% effective April 1, 2018. As of March 31, 2018, HVWC has not filed for a WICA surcharge.

On February 6, 2018, Connecticut Water filed a petition with PURA to reopen Connecticut Water's 2010 rate case (previously reopened in 2013) proceeding for the limited purpose of approving a Settlement Agreement entered into by Connecticut Water and the OCC (the "Agreement"). The Agreement proposes a change in Connecticut Water's customer rates effective for bills rendered on and after April 1, 2018 made up of the following two components: (1) the revenue requirements associated with a \$36.3 million addition to rate base to reflect necessary upgrades to Connecticut Water's Rockville Water Treatment Plant; and (2) the folding in to base rates of the Company's present WICA surcharges. In addition, the Agreement provides that:

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1. Upon implementation of new rates under the Agreement, until such time as new rates are adopted in a general rate case, through a temporary modification of the earnings sharing mechanism, Connecticut Water customers will receive one hundred percent of any earnings in excess of levels allowed by law rather than limiting such customer credits to 50% as contemplated by applicable law;
2. Connecticut Water agrees it will not file for a general increase of Connecticut Water's base rates to be effective before January 1, 2020;
3. The pending proceeding initiated by PURA in Docket No. 09-12-11RE03, Application of The Connecticut Water Company for Amended Rates – Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act shall be closed; and
4. Connecticut Water shall continue to make investments in infrastructure replacement consistent with its approved WICA plan. Connecticut Water shall be allowed to continue to pursue recovery of eligible projects through WICA.

The Agreement provides that, if PURA does not fully approve the Agreement in its entirety, it shall be deemed withdrawn. Accordingly, the Agreement has no operative effect unless and until it is approved by PURA. No assurance can be given that PURA will approve the Agreement and permit some or all of the terms contained in the Agreement requested by the parties. PURA has agreed to the request to reopen the rate proceeding. A final decision on the Settlement Agreement is anticipated to be issued by PURA no later than July 11, 2018, with rates effective soon thereafter.

Since 2013, Connecticut law has authorized a Water Revenue Adjustment (“WRA”) to reconcile actual water revenues with the revenues projected in the last general rate case and allows companies to adjust rates as necessary to recover the revenues approved by PURA in the last general rate case. The WRA removes the financial disincentive for water utilities to develop and implement effective water conservation programs. The WRA allows water companies to defer on the balance sheet, as a regulatory asset or liability, for later collection from or crediting to customers the amount by which actual revenues deviate from the revenues allowed in the most recent general rate proceedings, including WICA proceedings. Additionally, projects eligible for WICA surcharges were expanded to include energy conservation projects, improvements required to comply with streamflow regulations, and improvements to acquired systems.

Connecticut Water and HVWC's allowed revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2018, as approved by PURA during each company's most recent general rate case and including subsequently approved WICA surcharges, are approximately \$17.8 million. Through normal billing for the three months ended March 31, 2018, revenue for Connecticut Water and HVWC would have been approximately \$17.7 million had the WRA not been implemented. As a result of the implementation of the WRA, Connecticut Water and HVWC recorded \$0.1 million in additional revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2018. Avon Water does not currently use the WRA mechanism. Avon Water does not currently have PURA approval to apply the WRA surcharge to their customers' bills.

Maine Rates

In Maine, the overall, cumulative Water Infrastructure Charge (“WISC”) for all divisions was 6.9% and 6.6% as of March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The WISC rates for the Biddeford and Saco division were reset to zero with the approval of the general rate increase discussed below.

On June 29, 2017, Maine Water filed for a rate increase in its Biddeford and Saco division. The rate request was for an approximate \$1.6 million, or 25.1%, increase in revenues. The rate request is designed to recover higher operating expenses, depreciation and property taxes since Biddeford and Saco's last rate increase in 2015. Maine Water and the Maine Office of the Public Advocate reached an agreement that increases annual revenue by \$1.56 million. The agreement was approved by the MPUC on December 5, 2017, with new rates effective December 1, 2017.

A water revenue adjustment mechanism law in Maine became available to regulated water utilities in Maine on October 15, 2015. Maine Water is currently precluded from seeking new rates in the Biddeford and Saco division due to provisions in the settlement agreement with the MPUC. As the stay-out periods for other divisions expire, Maine Water expects to request usage of this mechanism as Maine Water file rate cases for those divisions.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company maintains its accounting records in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and as directed by the PURA and the MPUC, to which the Company's regulated water utility subsidiaries are subject. Significant accounting policies employed by the Company, including the use of estimates, were presented in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

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Critical accounting policies are those that are the most important to the presentation of the Company's financial condition and results of operations. The application of such accounting policies requires management's most difficult, subjective, and complex judgments and involves uncertainties and assumptions. The Company's most critical accounting policies pertain to public utility regulation related to ASC 980 "Regulated Operations", revenue recognition (including the WRA), goodwill impairment, income taxes and accounting for pension and other post-retirement benefit plans. Each of these accounting policies and the application of critical accounting policies and estimates were discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 .

Management must use informed judgments and best estimates to properly apply these critical accounting policies. Because of the uncertainty in these estimates, actual results could differ from estimates used in applying the critical accounting policies. The Company is not aware of any reasonably likely events or circumstances which would result in different amounts being reported that would materially affect its financial condition or results of operations.

Outlook

The following modifies and updates the "Outlook" section of the Company's 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 .

The Company's earnings and profitability are primarily dependent upon the sale and distribution of water. In Maine, water revenues can be dependent on seasonal weather fluctuations, particularly during the summer months when water demand will vary with rainfall and temperature levels. This risk has been mitigated in Connecticut with the implementation of the WRA by Connecticut Water and HVWC. The Company's earnings and profitability in future years will also depend upon a number of other factors, such as the ability to control our operating costs, customer growth in the Company's core regulated water utility businesses, growth in revenues attributable to non-water sales operations, availability and desirability of land no longer needed for water delivery for land sales, and the timing and adequacy of rate relief when requested, from time to time, by our regulated water companies.

The Company expects Net Income from its Water Operations segment to decrease in 2018 over 2017 levels, primarily due to costs associated with the merger with SJW. Offsetting these costs, the Company expects accretive effects of the HVWC acquisition, completed on February 27, 2017, and the Avon Water acquisition, completed on July 1, 2017, and revenue increases resulting from the recently issued Biddeford and Saco rate decision and increased surcharges related to WISC in Maine and WICA in Connecticut.

The Company believes that the factors described above and those described in detail under the heading "Commitments and Contingencies" below may have significant impact, either alone or in the aggregate, on the Company's earnings and profitability in fiscal years 2018 and beyond. Please also review carefully the risks and uncertainties described in the sections entitled Item 1A – Risk Factors, "Commitments and Contingencies" in Item 7 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and the risks and uncertainties described in the "Forward-Looking Information" section below.

Results of Operations

Three months ended March 31

Net Income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 decreased from the same period in the prior year by \$5,295,000 to a Net Loss of \$1,227,000 . (Loss) earnings per basic average common share were \$(0.10) and \$0.36 during the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 , respectively. The primary driver for the decrease in Net Income is related to approximately \$3.3 million in after-tax costs associated with the announced merger with SJW.

This decrease is broken down by business segment as follows (in thousands):

Business Segment	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017	Increase/(Decrease)
Water Operations	\$ (1,623)	\$ 3,777	\$ (5,400)
Real Estate Transactions	—	33	(33)
Services and Rentals	396	258	138
Total	\$ (1,227)	\$ 4,068	\$ (5,295)

Revenue

Revenue from our regulated customers increased by \$2,390,000, or 10.6%, to \$24,853,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017. Approximately \$1,595,000 of the increase in revenues was related to the acquisitions of HVWC and Avon Water on February 27, 2017 and July 1, 2017, respectively. Excluding the impact of the acquired companies, the Company saw an approximate \$795,000 increase in revenues primarily related to increased WICA and WISC surcharges, as well as the increase in rates, effective December 1, 2017, in the Biddeford and Saco division of Maine Water.

Operation and Maintenance Expense

Operation and Maintenance (“O&M”) expense increased by \$2,017,000, or 18.3%, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 when compared to the same period of 2017. The major reason for the increase is the impact on O&M expense related to the acquisitions of HVWC and Avon Water during 2017, which contributed \$944,000 to the increase in O&M expense during the period. The following table presents the components of O&M expense for the three months ending March 31, 2018 and 2017, both including and excluding the impact of the HVWC and Avon Water acquisitions (in thousands):

Expense Components	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017	Increase / (Decrease)	HVWC and Avon Water O&M Impact	Adjusted Increase/(Decrease)
Outside services	\$ 968	\$ 740	\$ 228	\$ 34	\$ 194
Medical	1,046	853	193	25	168
Payroll	4,494	3,994	500	339	161
Customer	516	355	161	16	145
Maintenance	1,007	835	172	73	99
Investor relations	291	203	88	—	88
Utility costs	1,255	1,035	220	128	92
Property and liability insurance	514	365	149	69	80
Water treatment (including chemicals)	648	578	70	46	24
Vehicles	433	405	28	8	20
Pension	529	517	12	—	12
Purchase water	357	371	(14)	14	(28)
Post-retirement Medical	83	150	(67)	—	(67)
Other benefits	297	320	(23)	76	(99)
Other	582	282	300	116	184
Total	\$ 13,020	\$ 11,003	\$ 2,017	\$ 944	\$ 1,073

The increase in O&M expenses excluding the O&M impact of the acquisitions of HVWC and Avon Water, was approximately \$1,073,000, or approximately 9.6%, in the three months ended March 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017. The changes in individual items, excluding the impact of HVWC and Avon Water, are described below:

- Outside services increased primarily as a result of the increased use of consulting services during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017, primarily in the information technology group at the Company;
- Medical costs increased in the period ending March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 primarily due to increased claims filed by our employees and their families and higher administrative costs associated with the plans;
- Payroll costs increased primarily due to regular raises granted to employees;
- The increase in customer costs was primarily driven by an increase in uncollectible accounts associated with accounts with no payment activity in over 90 days. Additionally, there was an increase in customer communications costs;
- Investor relations related costs increased in the period primarily due to higher costs associated with Board of Directors meetings. Additionally, there were increased costs associated with shareholder outreach and fees paid to NASDAQ;
- Utility costs increased in the first quarter of 2018 compared to the first quarter of 2017 primarily due to increased telecommunication costs and higher electric power costs; and
- Property and liability insurance costs increased due to higher premiums on the Company’s insurance coverage stemming from the growth of insurable assets.

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The increases described above were partially offset by the following decreases to O&M expense:

- Other benefits decreased due to an increase in capitalized benefits which reduces O&M expense; and
- Post-retirement medical costs decreased in the period ending March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 primarily due to an increase in the discount rate used in determining the expense for 2018 compared to the discount rate used to determine expense in 2017.

The Company saw an approximate \$1,013,000, or 27.4%, increase in its Depreciation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. Of this increase, approximately \$376,000 was attributable to the acquisitions of HVWC and Avon Water during 2017. The remaining increase was primarily due to higher Utility Plant in Service as of March 31, 2018 compared to March 31, 2017, driven by the completion of a large treatment plant in Connecticut in the second quarter of 2017 and continued spending on WICA and WISC projects in Connecticut and Maine, respectively.

The Company recognized a \$7,000 benefit in above-the-line Income Taxes in the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to a \$190,000 benefit in the same period of 2017. The primary reason for the change is due to adjustments made to provisions during the quarter ended March 31, 2017. During the three months ended March 31, 2017 the Company reviewed its provision recorded related to tangible property regulations. As a result of that review, new information caused management to change its previously estimated reserve for uncertain tax positions related to the adoption of the new tangible property regulation. This change in estimate resulted in the reversal of a portion of the provision in the amount of \$1,164,000 in the first quarter of 2017. Partially offsetting this increase in Income Tax benefit was approximately \$2,000 of Income Tax expense related to the impact of the HVWC and Avon Water acquisitions. During the period ended March 31, 2018, the Company had pre-tax net loss that resulted in an Income Tax benefit for the quarter.

Other Income (Deductions), Net of Taxes decreased for the three months ended March 31, 2018 by \$3,543,000. The primary driver of this decrease was after-tax costs associated with the announced merger with SJW, which were \$3,261,000 in the quarter ending March 31, 2018. Additionally, the Company saw a decrease in AFUDC due to the completion of a large treatment plant in the second quarter of 2017. Partially offsetting these decreases was an increase in Non-Water Sales earnings during the three months ended March 31, 2018.

Total Interest and Debt Expense increased by \$779,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2018 when compared to the same period in 2017. Of this increase, approximately \$74,000 was attributable to the acquisitions of HVWC and Avon Water. The remaining increase was primarily due to higher debt balances outstanding at March 31, 2018 when compared to March 31, 2017 and the aforementioned completion of a large treatment plant in the second quarter of 2017 resulting in lower capitalized interest costs in 2018.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company is not aware of demands, events, or uncertainties that will result in a decrease of liquidity or a material change in the mix or relative cost of its capital resources, other than those outlined below.

Borrowing Facilities

As of March 31, 2018, the Company maintained a \$15.0 million line of credit agreement with CoBank, that is currently scheduled to expire on July 1, 2020. The Company maintained an additional line of credit of \$45.0 million with Citizens Bank, N.A., with an expiration date of April 25, 2021. Additionally, Avon Water maintains a \$3.0 million line of credit with Northwest Community Bank, with an expiration date of September 30, 2018. As of March 31, 2018, the total lines of credit available to the Company were \$63.0 million. As of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the Company had \$29.2 million and \$19.3 million, respectively, of Interim Bank Loans Payable. As of March 31, 2018, the Company had \$33.8 million in unused lines of credit. Interest expense charged on lines of credit will fluctuate based on market interest rates.

On January 10, 2017, Maine Water executed and delivered to CoBank a new Promissory Note and Single Advance Term Loan Supplement, dated January 10, 2017 (the "Third Promissory Note"). On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Third Promissory Note issued pursuant to the Company's Master Loan Agreement, CoBank agreed to make an unsecured loan (the "Loan") to Maine Water in the principal amount of \$5,000,000 at 4.18%, due December 30, 2026. The proceeds of the Loan will be used to finance new capital expenditures and refinance existing debt owed to the Company, incurred in connection with general water system improvements.

On August 28, 2017, the Company executed and delivered to CoBank a new Promissory Note and Supplement (2017 Single Advance Term Loan) (the "2017 Promissory Note"). On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the 2017 Promissory Note issued pursuant to the Agreement, CoBank agreed to make a term loan (the "Loan") to the Company in the principal amount of \$15,000,000. Under the 2017 Promissory Note, the Company will pay interest on the Loan at a fixed rate of 4.15% per year through August 20, 2037, the maturity date of the Loan.

On September 28, 2017, Connecticut Water completed the issuance of \$35,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.53% unsecured Senior Notes due September 25, 2037 (the "Senior Notes"). The Senior Notes were issued pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement dated as of September 28, 2017 (the "Purchase Agreement") between and among Connecticut Water, NYL Investors, LLC ("NY Life"), as agent, and the Purchasers listed in the Purchaser Schedule attached to the Purchase Agreement, in a private placement financing exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The proceeds of the sale of the Senior Notes will be used by Connecticut Water to repay loans from the Company the proceeds of which were used for capital expenditure projects by Connecticut Water. The Senior Notes bear interest at the rate of 3.53% per annum, payable semi-annually on March 27 and September 27 of each year commencing on March 27, 2018. The principal amount of the Senior Notes, if not previously paid, shall be due on September 25, 2037. The Senior Notes are callable in whole or in part, subject to a make-whole amount.

During the first three months of 2018, the Company paid approximately \$397,000 related to Connecticut Water Service's 2017 CoBank issuance as well as Connecticut Water Service's Term Note Payable issued as part of the 2012 acquisition of Maine Water, approximately \$671,000 in sinking funds related to Maine Water's outstanding bonds, approximately \$41,000 in sinking funds related to HVWC's bank loan and \$42,000 related to Avon Water's mortgage note payable.

Credit Rating

In January 2018, Standard & Poor's Rating Services ("S&P") affirmed its 'A' corporate credit rating on the Company. Additionally, S&P revised the Company's ratings outlook as negative due to their view that the recently revised corporate tax code could potentially strain cash flows if our regulators determine a reduction in revenue requirements is appropriate and a potential weakening of consolidated financial measures due to our growth strategy and high capital spending

requirements.

Stock Plans

The Company offers a dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan (“DRIP”) for all registered shareholders and for the customers and employees of our regulated water companies, whereby participants can opt to have cash dividends directly reinvested into additional shares of the Company. In August 2011, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the DRIP (effective as of January 1, 2012) that permit the Company to add, at the Company’s discretion, an “up to 5.00% purchase price discount” feature to the DRIP which is intended to encourage greater shareholder, customer and employee participation in the DRIP. In August 2014, the Board of Directors approved further amendments to the DRIP to reflect the Company’s appointment of a new common stock transfer agent. On August 11, 2017, the Board of Directors approved a Third Amended and Restated DRIP which expanded the class of participants to include any persons other than registered shareholders, customers and employees described above, upon an initial minimum purchase of \$500. The DRIP was also amended to add 129,000 additional shares to the DRIP’s share reserve and to revise certain monthly and quarterly share purchase requirements. During the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, plan participants invested \$380,000 and \$339,000, respectively, in additional shares as part of the DRIP.

2018 Construction Budget

The Board of Directors approved a \$66.2 million construction budget for 2018, net of amounts to be financed by customer advances and contributions in aid of construction. The Company will fund the capital budget through a combination of its internally generated funds, borrowing under its available lines of credit and a potential new debt issuances by both Connecticut Water and Maine Water in 2018.

As the Company looks forward to the remainder of 2018 and 2019, it anticipates continued reinvestment to replace aging infrastructure and to seek recovery of these costs through periodic WICA and WISC applications. The total cost of that investment may exceed the amount of internally generated funds. The Company expects to rely upon its internally generated funds and short-term borrowing facilities and proceeds from a potential debt issuance during the remainder of 2018.

Commitments and Contingencies

The Company adopted the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) temporary tangible property regulations on the Company’s 2012 Federal tax return. Since that time, the Company has been recording a provision for any possible disallowance of a portion of the repair deduction if the deductions were unable to be sustained on audit by the IRS. While the Company believes that the deductions taken on its tax returns are appropriate, the methodology for determining the deduction has not been agreed to by the taxing authorities. During the Company’s review of the position through the quarter ended March 31, 2017, new information caused management to reassess the previously recorded provision. This reassessment resulted in the reversal of a portion of the provision related to the Maine subsidiary, in the amount of \$1,164,000 in the first quarter of 2017. Additionally, in the quarter ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded, as required by FASB ASC 740, a provision of \$310,000 for a portion of the benefit that is not being returned to customers resulting from any possible tax authority challenge. For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded a provision of \$200,000 for a portion of the benefit that is not being returned to customers resulting from any possible tax authority challenge. The Company had previously recorded a provision of \$4.6 million in prior years for a cumulative total of \$4.8 million.

The Company remains subject to examination by federal and state tax authorities for the 2014 through 2016 tax years. On April 26, 2017, Avon Water was notified by the IRS that its stand-alone Federal tax filing for 2015 was selected to be reviewed beginning in the second quarter of 2017 and the audit has since been expanded to include the 2016 standalone tax year. On March 20, 2018, Avon Water received two notices of adjustment from the IRS related to the Federal tax audit for the tax year ended December 31, 2015. As a result, a reduction in the net operating loss carryover of \$55,000 was recorded during the period ended March 31, 2018.

There were no material changes under this subheading to any of the other items previously disclosed by the Company in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year December 31, 2017.

Forward-Looking Information

Certain statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, (“10-Q”) are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”) that are made based upon, among other things, our current assumptions, expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effect on us. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside our control, which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In some cases you can identify forward-looking statements where statements are preceded by, followed by or include the words “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “future,” “potential,” “probably,” “predictions,” “continue” or the negative of such terms or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements included in this 10-Q, include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

- the proposed Merger between the Company and SJW Group, the anticipated timing of the Merger and our ability to successfully complete the Merger;
- projected capital expenditures and related funding requirements;
- the availability and cost of capital;
- developments, trends and consolidation in the water and wastewater utility industries;
- dividend payment projections;
- our ability to successfully acquire and integrate regulated water and wastewater systems, as well as unregulated businesses, that are complementary to our operations and the growth of our business;
- the capacity of our water supplies, water facilities and wastewater facilities;
- the impact of limited geographic diversity on our exposure to unusual weather;
- the impact of conservation awareness of customers and more efficient plumbing fixtures and appliances on water usage per customer;
- our capability to pursue timely rate increase requests;
- our authority to carry on our business without unduly burdensome restrictions;
- our ability to maintain our operating costs at the lowest possible level, while providing good quality water service;
- our ability to obtain fair market value for condemned assets;
- the impact of fines and penalties;
- changes in laws, governmental regulations and policies, including environmental, health and water quality and public utility regulations and policies;
- the decisions of governmental and regulatory bodies, including decisions to raise or lower rates;

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- our ability to successfully extend and expand our service contract work within our Service and Rentals Segment in both Connecticut and Maine;
- the development of new services and technologies by us or our competitors;
- the availability of qualified personnel;
- the condition of our assets;
- the impact of legal proceedings;
- general economic conditions;
- the profitability of our Real Estate Segment, which is subject to the amount of land we have available for sale and/or donation, the demand for any available land, the continuation of the current state tax benefits relating to the donation of land for open space purposes and regulatory approval for land dispositions;
- the amount of repair tax deductions and the Internal Revenue Service's ultimate acceptance of the deduction methodology; and
- acquisition-related costs and synergies.

Because forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, there are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements, including but not limited to:

- the risks associated with the proposed Merger between the Company and SJW Group, the anticipated timing of the Merger and our ability to successfully complete the merger;
- changes in public utility regulations and policies;
- changes in general economic, business, credit and financial market conditions;
- changes in environmental conditions, including those that result in water use restrictions;
- the determination of what qualifies for a repair expense tax deduction;
- abnormal weather conditions;
- increases in energy and fuel costs;
- unfavorable changes to the federal and/or state tax codes;
- significant changes in, or unanticipated, capital requirements;
- significant changes in our credit rating or the market price of our common stock;
- our ability to integrate businesses, technologies or services which we may acquire;
- our ability to manage the expansion of our business;
- the continuous and reliable operation of our information technology systems, including the impact of cyber security attacks or other cyber-related events;
- the extent to which we are able to develop and market new and improved services;
- the continued demand by telecommunication companies for antenna site leases on our property;
- the effect of the loss of major customers;
- our ability to retain the services of key personnel and to hire qualified personnel as we expand;
- labor disputes;
- increasing difficulties in obtaining insurance and increased cost of insurance;
- cost overruns relating to improvements or the expansion of our operations;
- increases in the costs of goods and services;
- civil disturbance or terroristic threats or acts; and
- changes in accounting pronouncements.

Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. You should read this 10-Q, the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 ("10-K") and the documents that we incorporate by reference into the 10-K completely and with the understanding that our actual future results, performance and achievements may be materially different from what we expect. These forward-looking statements represent our assumptions, expectations and beliefs only as of the date of this 10-Q. Except for our ongoing obligations to disclose certain information under the federal securities laws, we are not obligated, and assume no obligation, to update these forward-looking statements, even though our situation may change in the future. For further information or other factors which could affect our financial results and such forward-looking statements, see Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" found in the 10-K. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

Part I, Item 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The primary market risk faced by the Company is interest rate risk. The Company has no exposure to derivative financial instruments or financial instruments with significant credit risk or off-balance-sheet risks. In addition, the Company is not subject, in any material respect, to any currency or other commodity risk.

The Company is subject to the risk of fluctuating interest rates in the normal course of business. The Company's exposure to interest fluctuations is managed at the Company and subsidiary operations levels through the use of a combination of fixed rate long-term debt, variable long-term debt and short-term variable borrowings under financing arrangements entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2018, the Company had \$63.0 million of variable rate lines of credit with two banks, under which the Company had \$29.2 million of interim bank loans payable at March 31, 2018.

As of March 31, 2018, the Company had \$22.05 million of variable-rate long-term debt outstanding. Holding other variables constant, including levels of indebtedness, a one-percentage point change in interest rates would impact pre-tax earnings by approximately \$0.2 million, annually. The Company monitors its exposure to variable rate debt and will make future financing decisions as the need arises.

Part I, Item 4: Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of March 31, 2018, management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)). Based upon, and as of the date of that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended March 31, 2018, there have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II, Item 1: Legal Proceedings

We are involved in various legal proceedings from time to time. Although the results of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, there are no pending legal proceedings to which we or any of our subsidiaries are a party or to which any of our properties is the subject that presents a reasonable likelihood of a material adverse impact on the Company.

Part II, Item 1A: Risk Factors

Except as set forth in the below risk factors, information about the material risks related to our business, financial condition and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2018 does not materially differ from that set out under Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. You should carefully consider the risk factors and other information discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, as well as the information provided elsewhere in this report. You should also carefully consider the risk factors related to the Merger with SJW set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the preliminary joint proxy statement of the Company and SJW included in the registration statement on Form S-4 filed with the SEC by SJW on April 25, 2018. Additional risks, uncertainties and other factors not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair the Company's business operations, financial condition or operating results.

We may fail to consummate the Merger, and uncertainties related to the consummation of the Merger may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and negatively impact the price of our common stock.

As previously discussed, on March 14, 2018, the Company entered into the Merger Agreement with SJW and Merger Sub, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of SJW. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of SJW. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, at the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding share of our common stock (other than certain cancelled shares) will be converted into the right to receive 1.1375 shares of SJW common stock. The Merger is subject to the satisfaction of a number of conditions beyond our control, including approval of the Merger Agreement by the Company's

shareholders, approval of the issuance of SJW common stock in the Merger by SJW's stockholders, regulatory approvals (including the approval of PURA and MPUC) and other customary closing conditions. There is no assurance that the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement will occur on the terms and timeline currently contemplated or at all. The conditions to the Merger could prevent or delay the completion of the Merger. In addition, the efforts to satisfy the closing conditions of the Merger, including the shareholder approval process (especially in light of the actions taken by Eversource Energy to solicit proxies from the Company's shareholders in opposition to the Merger) and the regulatory approval process, may place a significant burden on management and internal resources, and the Merger and related transactions, whether or not consummated, may result in a diversion of management's attention from day-to-day operations and a disruption of our operations. Any significant diversion of management's attention away from ongoing business and any difficulties encountered in the Merger process could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The Merger Agreement also contains certain customary termination rights, including the right for each of the Company and SJW to terminate the Merger Agreement if the Merger is not consummated by March 14, 2019 (or, in the event all closing conditions have been met other than certain regulatory approvals, June 14, 2019) or in the event of an uncured material breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement such that the conditions to closing would not be satisfied. In addition, if the Merger Agreement is terminated under certain circumstances, we may be required to pay a termination fee to SJW of \$28.1 million or reimburse SJW's expenses up to \$5 million. The Company may not be able to obtain the approval of its shareholders required to consummate the Merger, including in particular because some of the Company's shareholders may be persuaded to vote against approval of the Merger Agreement as a result of Eversource Energy's actions to solicit proxies from the Company's shareholders in opposition to the Merger. If the Company's shareholders fail to approve the Merger, then the Merger Agreement will be terminated and the Company will be required to reimburse SJW's expenses up to \$5 million and may also be required to pay to SJW the termination fee of \$28.1 million (less the amount of expenses reimbursed) in certain circumstances. If the proposed Merger is not completed or the Merger Agreement is terminated, the price of our common stock may decline, including to the extent that the current market price of our common stock reflects an assumption that the Merger and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement will be consummated without unexpected delays, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We are subject to various uncertainties and restrictions on the conduct of our business while the Merger is pending, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Uncertainty about the effect of the Merger on employees, customers, vendors, communities and other third parties who deal with us may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. These uncertainties may impair our ability to attract, retain and motivate key personnel pending the consummation of the Merger, as such personnel may experience uncertainty about their future roles following the consummation of the Merger. Additionally, these uncertainties could cause customers, vendors and other third parties who deal with us to seek to change existing business relationships with us or fail to extend an existing relationship with us, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, the Merger Agreement restricts us from taking certain actions without SJW's consent while the Merger is pending. These restrictions may, among other matters, prevent us from pursuing otherwise attractive business opportunities, buying or selling assets, making certain capital expenditures, refinancing or incurring additional indebtedness, entering into transactions or making other changes to our business prior to consummation of the Merger or termination of the Merger Agreement. These restrictions and uncertainties could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may be subject to lawsuits relating to the Merger, which may impact the timing of the closing of the Merger and adversely impact our business.

The Company and our directors and officers may be subject to lawsuits relating to the Merger. Litigation is very common in connection with the sale of public companies, regardless of whether the claims have any merit. One of the conditions to consummating the Merger is that no order preventing or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the Merger shall have been issued by any court. Consequently, if any lawsuit challenging the Merger is successful in obtaining an order preventing the consummation of the Merger, that order may delay or prevent the Merger from being completed. While we will evaluate and defend against any lawsuits, the time and costs of defending against litigation relating to the Merger may adversely affect our business.

The Merger Agreement contains provisions that could discourage a potential competing acquiror of either SJW or the Company, or could result in any competing proposal being at a lower price than it might otherwise be. However, competing acquirors could negatively impact the completion and timing of the proposed transaction and cause disruption and expense for both SJW and the Company.

The Merger Agreement contains “no shop” provisions that, subject to limited exceptions, restrict each of SJW’s and the Company’s ability to solicit, initiate, knowingly encourage or knowingly facilitate any takeover proposal (which includes among other things any proposal or offer made by a third party relating to any merger, amalgamation, consolidation, share exchange, other business combination, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution or similar transaction involving SJW or the Company, or any of their respective subsidiaries, or any sale, lease, contribution or other disposition, directly or indirectly, of any business or assets of SJW or the Company, or any of their respective subsidiaries, representing 15% or more of the consolidated revenues, net income or assets of SJW or the Company, or any of their respective subsidiaries, taken as a whole). In addition, the other party has an opportunity to offer to modify the terms of the Merger in response to any competing acquisition proposals before the board of directors of the company that has received a third-party proposal may withdraw or qualify its recommendation with respect to the Merger.

These provisions could discourage a potential third-party acquiror that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant portion of SJW or the Company from considering or proposing that acquisition, even if it were prepared to pay consideration with a higher per share cash or market value than the market value proposed to be received or realized in the Merger or might result in a potential third-party acquiror proposing to pay a lower price to the stockholders than it might otherwise have proposed to pay because of the added expense of the \$42.5 million termination fee for SJW or \$28.1 million termination fee for the Company, as applicable, that may become payable in certain circumstances.

On April 4, 2018, SJW received an unsolicited proposal from California Water Service Group regarding the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of SJW common stock for \$68.25 per share. On April 5, 2018, the Company received an unsolicited proposal from Eversource Energy regarding the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock for \$63.50 per share in cash and/or stock at the election of holders of the Company’s common stock. While each of SJW and the Company has determined that the unsolicited proposal that it had received was neither a superior proposal nor reasonably likely to lead to a superior proposal, California Water Service Group and Eversource Energy each filed (on May 2, 2018 and April 27, 2018, respectively) a preliminary proxy statement to solicit proxies in opposition to the Merger, and it is unclear what additional actions these third parties may take to further their proposals. Even if ultimately unsuccessful, actions taken by these or other third parties, including the proxy contests, could disrupt the business of each of SJW and the Company, cause SJW and the Company to incur substantial additional expense, and negatively impact the ability of SJW and the Company to consummate the Merger and the expected timing of the consummation of the Merger. In addition, as a result of the proxy solicitations by California Water Service Group and Eversource Energy in opposition to the Merger, and other actions that may be taken by these or other third parties, shareholders of SJW or the Company may vote against the proposals at their respective special meetings and, consequently, the required shareholder approvals may not be obtained.

If the Merger Agreement is terminated and either SJW or the Company determines to seek another business combination, it may not be able to negotiate a transaction with another party on terms comparable to, or better than, the terms of the Merger.

Part II, Item 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

No stock repurchases were made during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 .

Part II, Item 6: Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. dated May 11, 1998 (Exhibit 3.1 to Form 10-K for the year ended 12/31/98).
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. dated August 27, 1998 (Exhibit 3 to Form 8-K filed on September 25, 1998).
3.3	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. dated August 6, 2001 (Exhibit 3.3 to Form 10-K for the year ended 12/31/14).
3.4	Certificate of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. dated April 23, 2004. (Exhibit 3.5 to Form 10-Q for the quarter ended 3/31/04).
3.5	Certification of Incorporation of The Connecticut Water Company effective April, 1998. (Exhibit 3.3 to Form 10-K for the year ended 12/31/98).
3.6	By-Laws, as amended, of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. as amended and restated as of March 14, 2018. (Exhibit 3.6 to Form 10-K filed on March 15, 2018).
10.1*	Change in control severance plan, approved on December 7, 2017, filed herewith.
10.2	Form of Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Agreement, by and between The Connecticut Water Company and specified officers (Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K filed November 21, 2017).
10.3	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K filed December 12, 2017).
10.4*	Amendment 2018-1 to Savings Plan of the Connecticut Water Company, approved on March 14, 2018, effective May 1, 2018, filed herewith.
31.1*	Rule 13a-14 Certification of David C. Benoit, Chief Executive Officer.
31.2*	Rule 13a-14 Certification of Robert J. Doffek, Chief Financial Officer.
32**	Certification of David C. Benoit, Chief Executive Officer and Robert J. Doffek Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS**	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

* filed herewith

** furnished herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 9, 2018

Connecticut Water Service, Inc.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ David C. Benoit

David C. Benoit
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 9, 2018

By: /s/ Robert J. Doffek

Robert J. Doffek
Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Controller

CHANGE IN CONTROL SEVERANCE PLAN

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THIS CHANGE IN CONTROL SEVERANCE PLAN (this “**Plan**”) was established XXXXX (the “**Effective Date**”) to provide for change of control benefits to certain eligible employees of Connecticut Water Service, Inc., a Connecticut corporation (the “**Company**”), Connecticut Water Company, Maine Water Company and their affiliates in the circumstances described in this Plan.

1. General Eligibility. An employee is eligible for the benefits provided under this Plan (each such employee, referred to as the “**Participant**”) only if (i) the Compensation Committee (the “**Plan Administrator**”) of the Company’s Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) designates the employee as eligible to participate in the Plan and (ii) the Company provides the employee with a letter agreement (the “**Participation Letter**”) signed by a duly authorized officer of the Company confirming the employee’s eligibility for this Plan. The Participation Letter shall designate each employee as either a “Tier 1 Participant,” a “Tier 2 Participant” or a “Tier 3 Participant” in the Plan. As a condition to participation in the Plan, the Participant must counter-sign the Participation Letter within ten (10) days after it is provided to them, agreeing to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Plan. Subject to Section 2 of this Plan, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, terminate a Participant’s participation in the Plan upon written notice of such action.

2. Term; Termination; Amendments. The period of this Plan shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue until terminated by the Board (the “**Term**”). No termination and no amendment to the Plan by the Board that reduces benefits and no action by the Committee to terminate a Participant’s participation in the Plan shall be effective until the one (1) year anniversary of the date that notice of such termination or amendment has been provided to any affected Participant; provided, that no such termination or amendment will be effective if a Change in Control (as defined below) occurs during the one (1) year notice period or if such termination or amendment is adopted during a Change in Control Protection Period (as defined below).

3. Termination During a Change in Control Protection Period. Subject to the conditions in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of this Plan, if the Participant’s employment is terminated within a Change in Control Protection Period, either (1) by the Company other than for Cause (as defined below), (2) by the Participant for Good Reason (as defined below) or (3) as a result of the Participant’s disability (as defined in Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”)), then:

(a) The Participant shall be entitled to receive the following cash severance payments in equal installments on a monthly basis, subject to later payment if and as provided in Section 9:

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(i) an amount equal to the applicable Change in Control Multiple times the sum of the Participant's (x) then base salary (or, if greater, base salary for the year immediately preceding the Change in Control) plus (y) his or her target bonus for the fiscal year during which the termination occurs; and

(ii) an amount equal to a *pro rata* portion of the Participant's target bonus for the fiscal year during which the termination occurs based on the total number of days in the performance cycle that the Participant was employed by the Company.

(iii) reasonable outplacement services from a firm selected by the Company for a period of one (1) year commencing on the date of termination, or until the Participant accepts other employment, if earlier, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

(b) The Participant shall be entitled to receive continued health insurance coverage for the Participant and his or her immediate family at no cost to the Participant for a period following the date of termination of employment at no cost to the Participant (the "**Health Insurance Coverage Period**"); provided that such coverage shall cease on the date the Participant is eligible for medical coverage through another employer. The Health Insurance Coverage Period will be equal to eighteen (18) months for a Tier 1 Participant, fifteen (15) months for a Tier 2 Participant and twelve (12) months for a Tier 3 Participant. At its sole discretion, the Company may satisfy this obligation by providing additional cash severance equal to the amount the Company would pay toward such coverage for an active employee and allowing Participant to enroll in such coverage via COBRA at their cost, or a cash subsidy to Participant equal to the cost of substantially identical coverage through an individual policy, in each case if (i) coverage under the Company's plans cannot be provided pursuant to the terms of the Company's group health plan(s), or (ii) coverage under the Company's plans would result in the plan being discriminatory under the Internal Revenue Code (Section 105(h) or successor provision) or in an excise or penalty tax under any applicable law or regulation.

(c) The Participant shall also be entitled to receive such other compensation or benefits (other than severance benefits and a cash bonus for the year in which termination occurs) as are provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of any applicable plans and programs of the Company.

(d) The rights of a Participant upon a Change in Control in connection with outstanding equity awards shall be determined solely by reference to the terms and conditions of the applicable equity plan and the Participant's award agreement thereunder.

4. Definitions. For purposes of this Plan, the following definitions shall apply:

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(a) A termination for “**Cause**” shall mean a termination following the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) Participant’s commission of any felony or any crime involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude; (ii) Participant’s attempted commission of, or participation in, a fraud or act of dishonesty against the Company, Connecticut Water Company, Maine Water Company or their affiliates or any client of the Company, Connecticut Water Company, Maine Water Company or their affiliates; (iii) Participant’s intentional, material violation of any material contract or agreement between Participant and the Company, Connecticut Water Company, Maine Water Company or their affiliates; or (iv) Participant’s disqualification or bar by any governmental or self-regulatory authority from serving in the capacity required by his or her job description or Participant’s loss of any governmental or self-regulatory license that is reasonably necessary for Participant to perform his or her duties or responsibilities.

(b) A “**Change in Control**” shall be deemed to have occurred if after the date hereof (i) a public announcement shall be made or a report on Schedule 13D shall be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) disclosing that any Person (as defined below), other than the Company or any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company, is the beneficial owner (as the term is defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Act) directly or indirectly, of twenty percent (20%) or more of the total voting power represented by the Company’s then outstanding voting common stock (calculated as provided in paragraph (d) of Rule 13d-3 under the Act in the case of rights to acquire voting common stock); or (ii) any Person, other than the Company or any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company, shall purchase shares pursuant to a tender offer or exchange offer to acquire any voting common stock of the Company (or securities convertible into such voting common stock) for cash, securities or any other consideration, provided that after consummation of the offer, the Person in question is the beneficial owner directly or indirectly, of twenty percent (20%) or more of the total voting power represented by the Company’s then outstanding voting common stock (all as calculated under clause (i) above); or (iii) the stockholders of the Company shall approve (A) any consolidation or merger of the Company in which the Company is not the continuing or surviving corporation (other than a merger of the Company in which holders of the outstanding capital stock of the Company immediately prior to the merger have the same proportionate ownership of the outstanding capital stock of the surviving corporation immediately after the merger as immediately before), or pursuant to which the outstanding capital stock of the Company would be converted into cash, securities or other property, or (B) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) of all or substantially all the assets of the Company; or (iv) there shall have been a change in the composition of the Board of Directors of the Company at any time during any consecutive twenty-four (24) month period such that “continuing directors” cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board unless the election, or the

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nomination for election of each new Director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors then still in office who were Directors at the beginning of such period; or (v) the Board of Directors of the Company, by a vote of a majority of all the Directors (excluding Employee) adopts a resolution to the effect that a “Change-in-Control” has occurred for purposes of this Plan.

(c) “**Change in Control Multiple**” shall mean (x) two and one half (2.5) times for a Tier 1 Participant, (2) two (2) times for a Tier 2 Participant or (z) one and one half (1.5) times for a Tier 3 Participant.

(d) “**Change in Control Protection Period**” shall mean (i) the twenty four (24) month period beginning on the date of any Change in Control occurring after the Effective Date and (ii) the six (6) month period prior to the date of any Change in Control, if the Participant is terminated during such six-month period and such termination (x) was at the request of a third party who had taken steps reasonably calculated or intended to effect a Change in Control or (y) otherwise arose in connection with or in anticipation of the Change in Control.

(e) “**Good Reason**” shall mean the occurrence of any action which (i) materially reduces a Participant’s authority, duties, responsibilities or base salary; (ii) materially reduces the authority, duties or responsibilities of the supervisor to whom a Participant is required to report, including a requirement that a Participant report to a corporate officer or employee instead of directly to the board of directors; (iii) moves a Participant’s place of employment to a location that increases such Participant’s commute by more than thirty (30) miles over the length of such Participant’s commute from such Participant’s place of principal residence at the time the move is requested; or (iv) any other action or inaction that constitutes a material breach of the terms of this Plan. Provided, however, that in each such case: (i) the Participant notifies the Company of the occurrence of Good Reason within sixty (60) days after the Participant becomes aware (or should have become aware) of the applicable facts and circumstances giving rise to the occurrence; (ii) the Company shall have the right, within thirty (30) days after receipt of such written notice (which shall set forth in reasonable detail the specific conduct of Company that constitutes Good Reason and the specific provision(s) of this Plan on which the Participant relies), to cure the event or circumstances giving rise to such Good Reason and, in the event of the Company so cures, such event or circumstances shall not constitute Good Reason hereunder; and (iii) if the Company fails to cure the event or circumstance giving rise to such Good Reason, the Participant resigns within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the thirty-day cure period.

5. Disqualifying Terminations. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company will not be obligated to pay severance benefits to a Participant under this Plan if the Participant’s termination is the result of:

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- (i) a voluntary termination by the Participant (a separation, including a voluntary retirement, initiated by the Participant) other than for Good Reason;
- (ii) the Company having terminated the Participant for Cause; or
- (iii) the death of the Participant.

6. Change in Control Best Payments Determination. In the event the benefits described in Section 3 (the “*CIC Severance Benefits*”), taken together with all other benefits payable to the Participant in connection with a Change in Control, could subject the Participant to an excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code (the “*Excise Tax*”), then notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 the Company shall reduce the CIC Severance Benefits (the “*Benefit Reduction*”) under Section 3 by the amount necessary to result in the Participant not being subject to the Excise Tax if such reduction would result in the Participant’s “Net After Tax Amount” attributable to the CIC Severance Benefits described in Section 3 being greater than it would be if no Benefit Reduction was effected. In the event of any over or under reduction pursuant to the previous sentence, the amount of the Benefit Reduction shall be adjusted (and any additional payments by the Company or any required repayments by the Participant, as applicable, shall be promptly made) to the minimum amount necessary to result in the Participant not being subject to the Excise Tax. For this purpose “Net After Tax Amount” shall mean the net amount of CIC Severance Benefits the Participant is entitled to receive under this Plan after giving effect to all federal, state and local taxes which would be applicable to such payments, including, but not limited to, the Excise Tax. The determination of whether any such Benefit Reduction shall be effected shall be made by a nationally recognized public accounting firm, selected by the Company and reasonably acceptable to Participant, and such determination shall be binding on both the Participant and the Company.

7. Release. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, the receipt by the Participant of any payments or benefits under this Plan is further subject to the Participant executing, delivering and not revoking a release of claims substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A within twenty one (21) days (or forty five (45) days in the case of a group layoff) following termination, or all rights to payment or receipt of benefits hereunder lapse.

8. Compliance with Covenants. If a Participant, at any time before all payments or benefits due hereunder are paid, fails to comply with the Participant’s obligations under Sections 10 and 11 below, the Company may cease payment hereunder and any further amounts due shall be deemed a “disputed payment” for purposes of Code Section 409A-2(g) payable only as and if required as a result of the dispute resolution provisions in Section 20 hereof.

9. Protection of Company Property. The Participant acknowledges that his or her services in exchange for which certain promises made under this Plan are of a special, unique,

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unusual, extraordinary and intellectual character. In recognition of the foregoing, the Participant covenants and agrees as follows:

(a) No Disclosure or Use of Confidential Information. Participants may in the course of their employment by the Company, receive or have access to confidential information concerning the business or purposes of the Company, and which the Company desire to protect. Such confidential information shall be deemed to include, but not be limited to, Company's customer lists and information, and employee lists, including, if known, personnel information and data. Each Participant agrees that they will not, at any time during the period ending two (2) years after the date of termination of Participant's employment, reveal to anyone outside the Company or use for Participant's own benefit any such information without specific written authorization by the Company. Each Participant further agrees not to use any such confidential information or trade secrets in competing with the Company at any time during or in the two (2) year period immediately following the date of termination of Participant's employment with the Company. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan or otherwise, nothing shall limit a Participant's rights under applicable law to provide truthful information to any governmental entity or to file a charge with or participate in an investigation conducted by any governmental entity.

10. Section 409A Matters.

(a) To the fullest extent applicable, amounts and other benefits payable under this Plan are intended to be exempt from the definition of "nonqualified deferred compensation" under Section 409A of the Code, including the rulings, notices and other guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service interpreting the same (collectively, "**Section 409A**") in accordance with one or more of the exemptions available under Section 409A. This Plan shall be interpreted and administered to the extent possible in a manner consistent with the foregoing statement of intent. In this regard, each such payment hereunder that may be treated as payable in the form of "a series of installment payments," as defined in Treas. Reg. §1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii) shall be deemed a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this Plan or elsewhere to the contrary, If Employee is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), any payment or benefit under this Agreement that is subject to Section 409A and payable due to Employee's termination of employment will not be made or provided until the first business day of the seventh month after the date of Employee's separation from service (or earlier death).

(c) The date of the Participant's "separation from service," as defined in Section 409A (and as determined by applying the default presumptions in Treas. Reg. §1.409A-1(h)(1)(ii)), shall be treated as the date of his termination of employment for purposes

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of determining the time of payment of any amount that becomes payable to the Participant hereunder upon his termination of employment and that is properly treated as a deferral of compensation subject to Section 409A after taking into account all exclusions applicable to such payment under Section 409A and for purposes of determining whether the Participant is a "Specified Employee" on the date of his termination of employment.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, the time of payment of any awards that are subject to Section 409A as "nonqualified deferred compensation" and that vest on an accelerated basis pursuant to this Plan shall not be accelerated unless such acceleration is permissible under Section 409A.

11. No Duty to Mitigate; No Offset. The Company's obligation to make the payments provided for in, and otherwise to perform its obligations under, this Plan shall not be affected by any set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other claim, right or action that the Company may have against the Participant or others whether in respect of claims made under this Plan or otherwise; *provided*, that the Company shall have the right to offset any such payments against amounts owed by the Participant to the Company. In no event shall the Participant be obligated to seek other employment or take any other action by way of mitigation of the amounts, benefits and other compensation payable or otherwise provided to the Participant under any of the provisions of this Plan, and (subject to the foregoing proviso) such amounts shall not be reduced, regardless of whether the Participant obtains other employment.

12. Forfeiture and Repayment. The Participant acknowledges and agrees that all compensation and benefits payable or otherwise provided under this Plan are subject to forfeiture and recoupment, may be modified, may be cancelled without payment and/or a demand for repayment of such compensation and benefits may be made upon the Participant on the basis of: (a) any provision of the Company's forfeiture and recoupment policies in effect prior to the date of the Participant's termination or (b) if such compensation or benefits are required to be forfeited or repaid to the Company pursuant to applicable law or regulatory requirements as in effect from time to time.

13. Cooperation. Each Participant who receives a benefit under this Plan shall reasonably cooperate with the Company and its subsidiaries following a termination of employment in connection with a Change in Control and be reasonably available with respect to matters arising out of the Participant's services to the Company and its subsidiaries.

14. Assignment; Binding Plan. The Company may assign this Plan to any successor or assign of the Company. This Plan is not assignable by the Participant and is binding on him or her and his or her executors and other legal representatives. This Plan shall bind the Company and its successors and assigns and inure to the benefit of the Participant and his or her heirs,

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executors, administrators, personal representatives, legatees or devisees. The Company shall assign this Plan to any entity that acquires substantially all of its assets or business.

15. Notice. All notices and other communications under this Plan shall be in writing and shall be given by hand, fax, overnight commercial courier or first class mail (certified or registered with return receipt requested), and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given when received by the other party (regardless of the method of delivery, including, without limitation on the date of transmission thereof if sent by electronic facsimile transmission and delivery is confirmed), or if sent by registered or certified mail, postage and fees prepaid, on the earlier of the date of receipt or the fifth business day after mailing. Such notices shall be addressed as follows:

If to the Company: Connecticut Water Service, Inc.
93 W Main St.
Clinton, CT 06413
Attn: Chair, Compensation Committee

If to the Participant: to the Participant's address contained in the personnel records of the Company

Any party may change such party's address for notices by notice duly given pursuant hereto.

16. Entire Plan. This Plan contains the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all oral or written prior discussions, agreements and understandings of every nature with respect thereto.

17. Waiver. The failure of any party hereto at any time or times to require performance of any provision hereof shall in no manner affect the right of such party at a later time to enforce the same. No waiver by any party of the breach of any term or covenant contained in this Plan, whether by conduct or otherwise, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be, or construed as, a further or continuing waiver of any such breach, or a waiver of the breach of any other term or covenant contained in this Plan.

18. Withholding. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, the Company may withhold from amounts payable under this Plan all federal, state, local and foreign taxes that are required to be withheld by applicable laws or regulations.

19. Governing Law. This Plan shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflicts of law principles.

20. Dispute Resolution.

(a) Arbitration.

(i) The parties hereto agree that any and all disputes that may arise in connection with, arising out of or relating to this Plan shall be submitted to final and binding arbitration in Hartford County, Connecticut according to the Employment Arbitration Rules and Mediation Procedures of the American Arbitration Association at the time in effect. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

(ii) The Participant understands that by participating in this Plan, the Participant is waiving his rights to have a court determine the Participant's rights, including under federal, state or local statutes prohibiting employment discrimination, including sexual harassment and discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status or any other factor prohibited by governing law. **To the extent permitted by law, the parties waive any and all rights to a jury trial with respect to any controversy or claim between a Participant and the Company arising out of or relating to or concerning this Plan.**

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 20 shall prevent the Company, its subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns from exercising their right to bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction for specific performance, injunctive or other equitable relief to compel the Participant to comply with his or her obligations under Section 9 of this Plan.

(b) Legal Fees. If any action is brought under this Section 20, the parties will bear the expense of deposits and advances required by the arbitrators in equal proportions, but such amounts shall be subject to recovery as an addition or offset to any award. For any action brought in connection with a termination of the Participant outside of the Change in Control Protection Period, the arbitrators may award to the prevailing party, as determined by the arbitrators, all costs, fees and expenses related to the arbitration which have been incurred by the prevailing party, including reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys, accountants and other professionals. For any action brought in connection with a termination during the Change in Control Protection Period in which the Participant prevails on at least one material claim at issue, the arbitrators shall award to the Participant the reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys incurred by the Participant in connection with any such claim on which the Participant has prevailed.

21. Survival. This Plan shall survive the termination of the Participant's employment and the expiration of the Term to the extent necessary to give effect to its provisions. The

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existence of any claim or cause of action by the Participant against the Company shall not constitute and shall not be asserted as a defense to the enforcement by the Company of this Plan.

22. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Plan is, for any reason, held invalid in any respect, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Plan, and such provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary to make it enforceable.

23. At Will Employment. The Participant and the Company acknowledge that the employment of the Participant by the Company is “at will” and nothing in this Plan shall be construed to create for any Participant any right of continued employment with the Company.

24. Due Authorization. The execution of this Plan has been duly authorized by the Company by all necessary corporate action.

25. Captions. The section headings contained herein are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of the Plan.

Exhibit A: Form of Release

AMENDMENT NUMBER 2018- 1 TO
SAVINGS PLAN OF THE CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY

SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

I
INTRODUCTION

This is a Summary of Material Modifications regarding the Savings Plan of the Connecticut Water Company ("Plan"). Unless stated otherwise, the modifications described in this summary are effective as of May 1, 2018. This is merely a summary of the most important changes to the Plan and information contained in the Summary Plan Description ("SPD") previously provided to you. It supplements and amends that SPD so you should retain a copy of this document with your copy of the SPD. If you have any questions, contact the Administrator. If there is any discrepancy between the terms of the Plan, as modified, and this Summary of Material Modifications, the provisions of the Plan will control.

II

SUMMARY OF CHANGES 1. Elective Deferrals

As a participant, you may elect to defer not less than \$1.00 of your payroll period compensation and not more than 50% of your payroll period compensation.

As a participant under the Plan, you may elect to reduce your compensation by a specific percentage or dollar amount and have that amount contributed to the Plan as an elective deferral. There are two types of elective deferrals: pre tax deferrals and Roth deferrals. For purposes of this summary, "elective deferrals" generally means both pre tax deferrals and Roth deferrals. Regardless of the type of deferral you make, the amount you defer is counted as compensation for purposes of Social Security taxes.

Pre-Tax Deferrals. If you elect to make pre-tax deferrals, then your taxable income is reduced by the deferral contributions so you pay less in federal income taxes. Later, when the Plan distributes the deferrals and earnings, you will pay the taxes on those deferrals and the earnings. Therefore, with a pre-tax deferral, federal income taxes on the deferral contributions and on the earnings are only postponed. Eventually, you will have to pay taxes on these amounts.

Roth Deferrals . If you elect to make Roth deferrals, the deferrals are subject to federal income taxes in the year of deferral. However, you will not be taxed on distributions of your Roth 401(k) deferrals. In addition, a distribution of the earnings on the Roth 401(k) deferrals will not be subject to tax if the distribution is a "qualified distribution." A "qualified distribution" is one that is made after you have attained age 59 1/2 or is made on account of your death or disability. In addition, in order to be a "qualified distribution," the distribution cannot be made prior to the expiration of a 5 year participation period. The 5 year participation period is the 5 year period beginning on the calendar year in which you first make a Roth 401 (k) deferral to our Plan (or to another 401 (k) plan or 403(b) plan if such amount was rolled over into this Plan) and ending on the last day of the calendar year that is 5 years later.

2. Automatic Deferrals

Effective May 1, 2018, the Plan includes an automatic deferral feature. Accordingly, the Employer will automatically withhold a portion of your compensation from your pay each payroll period and contribute that amount to the Plan as a pre-tax 401(k) deferral unless you make a contrary election.

- **Application to existing Participants .** For those Participants in the Plan as of the automatic deferral effective date, the automatic deferral provisions apply to all Participants except those who have a salary reduction agreement in effect (regardless of their deferral amount) on the automatic deferral provisions effective date.
- **Participants affected .** The Plan will auto enroll all Participants in the Plan as of "May 1, 2018" with a deferral percentage of 0%. For purposes of determining the Participants subject to Automatic Deferral, the Automatic Deferral Effective Date will be "May 1, 2018" and the first day of April each subsequent Plan Year.

Automatic deferral provisions . The following provisions apply as to automatic deferrals :

- You may complete a salary reduction agreement at any time to select an alternative deferral amount or to elect not to defer under the Plan in accordance with the deferral procedures of the Plan.
- The amount to be automatically withheld from your pay each payroll period will be equal to 3% of your compensation, and that amount will increase by 1 each Plan Year until the amount withheld from your paycheck reaches 7% of your compensation unless the Employer amends the Plan or you enter a Salary Reduction Agreement.
- The Elective Deferral percentage will increase each (April 1st) "Change Date". However , the Participant's first automatic deferral percentage increase will be on the first available Change Date that is at least (6) months following the day the Participant enters the automatic increase program unless the Participant makes a Contrary Election. Current Participants that were auto enrolled will be increased beginning May 1, 2018 (as long as they were not enrolled within the last 6 months) and each April 1 st thereafter.

Contact the Plan Administrator if you have any questions concerning the application of this automatic deferral provision.

3. Automatic Escalation of Salary Reduction Agreement Amounts

Automatic Escalation of Salary Reduction Agreement amount Effective May 1 , 2018, the Plan includes automatic escalation provisions. Accordingly, if you have completed a Salary Reduction Agreement specifying the amount to be withheld as an elective deferral from your pay each payroll period, the Employer will automatically increase the amount withheld from your pay as indicated below.

- **Application to Participants with an existing Salary Reduction Agreement.** The automatic escalation provisions apply to all Participants who have a Salary Reduction Agreement in effect to defer at least 1% of compensation, unless and until they make a contrary election after the automatic escalation provisions effective date.
- The amount withheld from your pay each payroll period will be increased as follows: The Elective Deferral percentage will increase 1% each (April 1st) "Change Date" until the percentage reaches 7%. However, Participants currently in the Plan will have their first deferral percentage increase on May 1, 2018 as long as they have not made their last deferral election in the last 6 months. New Participants will have their first increase on the first available Change Date that is at least 6 months following the day the Participants enter the automatic increase program unless the Participant makes a Contrary Election . All Participants will need to opt out of the automatic increase program annually in the month preceding the Change Date each year.

Contact the Plan Administrator if you have any questions concerning the application of the automatic deferral or automatic escalation provisions.

4. Eligibility Conditions-Elective Deferrals

5. Entry Date - Elective Deferrals

For purposes of elective deferrals your Entry Date will be the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date you satisfy the eligibility requirements.

6. Eligibility Conditions - Nonelective Contributions

You will be eligible to participate for purposes of nonelective contributions (not including safe harbor nonelective contributions) when you have completed 6 months of service. However, you will actually participate in nonelective contributions once you reach the Entry Date as described in the SPD .

7. Entry Date-Nonelective Contributions

For purposes of nonelective contributions, your Entry Date will be the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which you satisfy the eligibility requirements.

8. Eligibility Conditions - Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions

You will be eligible to participate for purposes of safe harbor nonelective contributions when you have completed 6 months of service . However, you will actually participant in safe harbor nonelective contributions once you reach the Entry Date as described in the SPD .

9. Entry Date- Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions

For purposes of safe harbor nonelective contributions, your Entry Date will be the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date on which you satisfy the eligibility requirements.

10. Additional eligibility condition provisions

Service requirement for Salary Deferral contributions is 30 days of Service. See the Plan Administrator for additional information if you are not sure if this affects you.

Certification of Chief Executive Officer

I, David C. Benoit, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (the “registrant”).
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report.
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)), for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ David C. Benoit

David C. Benoit

President and Chief Executive Officer

May 9, 2018

Certification of Chief Financial Officer

I, Robert J. Doffek, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (the “registrant”).
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report.
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)), for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Robert J. Doffek
Robert J. Doffek
Chief Financial Officer
May 9, 2018

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. Section 1350
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, David C. Benoit, the Chief Executive Officer and Robert J. Doffek, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, do each hereby certify, to the best of his knowledge, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ David C. Benoit
David C. Benoit
May 9, 2018

/s/ Robert J. Doffek
Robert J. Doffek
May 9, 2018