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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): Sept. 16, 2016 (Sept. 15, 2016)**

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**Connecticut Water Service, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Connecticut**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**0-8084**  
(Commission File Number)

**06-0739839**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**93 West Main Street, Clinton, Connecticut**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**06413-0562**  
(Zip Code)

**(860) 669-8630**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**N/A**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions ( *see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☒ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Presentation to the Town of Southbury Board of Selectmen

On September 15, 2016, Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (“CTWS”) made a presentation to the Town of Southbury Board of Selectmen which included a discussion of CTWS’ pending acquisition of The Heritage Village Water Company.

A copy of CTWS’ presentation is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Additional Information About the Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed acquisition of The Heritage Village Water Company by CTWS, CTWS will be filing a registration statement on Form S- 4 with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933 containing a proxy or information statement of Heritage Village Water Company that also constitutes a prospectus of CTWS (the “Statement/Prospectus”) and other documents regarding the proposed transaction.

Before making any voting or investment decisions, we urge investors and security holders to read the Statement/Prospectus (including all amendments and supplements thereto) and other documents filed with the SEC carefully and in their entirety when they become available, because they will contain important information about CTWS, Heritage Village Water Company and the proposed merger.

When available, copies of the Statement/Prospectus will be mailed to the shareholders of Heritage Village Water Company. Copies of the Statement/Prospectus may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or by directing a request to CTWS’s Corporate Secretary, Kristen A. Johnson, at Connecticut Water Service, Inc., 93 West Main Street, Clinton, Connecticut 06413, or by telephone at 1-800-428-3985, ext. 3056, or on our website at [www.ctwater.com](http://www.ctwater.com). Copies of other documents filed by CTWS with the SEC may also be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s web site or by directing a request to CTWS at the address provided above.

CTWS and Heritage Village Water Company and certain of their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the approval of the proposed merger. Information regarding CTWS’s directors and executive officers and their respective interests in CTWS by security holdings or otherwise is available in its Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 14, 2016 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 31, 2016. Certain information regarding Heritage Village Water Company’s directors and executive officers is available in its Annual

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Report for 2014 filed with the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") and available at the PURA's website, [www.ct.gov/pura](http://www.ct.gov/pura). Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in the Statement/Prospectus and registration statement, and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC, when they become available, including in connection with the solicitation of proxies to approve the proposed merger.

This current report and its exhibit shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction. No offer or sale of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following is filed herewith as an exhibit hereto:

(d) Exhibits

99.1 CTWS presentation to the Town of Southbury Board of Selectmen, presented on September 15, 2016, is filed herewith.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC.  
a Connecticut corporation

Date: September 16, 2016

By: /s/ David C. Benoit  
Name: David C. Benoit  
Title: Senior Vice President – Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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# *Water, the basic ingredient of Life...*



**ConnecticutWater**

# Our Mission ...



**Passionate employees delivering life sustaining, high quality water service to families and communities.....**



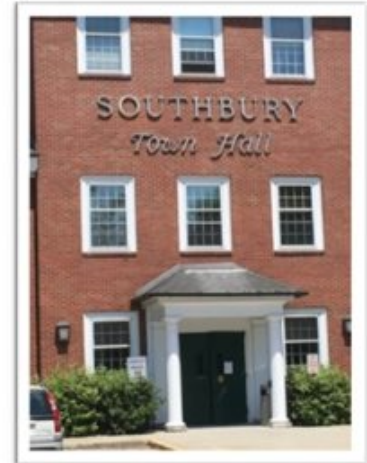


- \* Serves 92,000 customers in 56 towns in Connecticut as well as 32,000 customers in 21 towns in Maine
- \* Serves customers in communities in Naugatuck Valley adjacent to HVWC
- \* Has 200 employees in Connecticut with in-house expertise in water quality, engineering, finance, ITS
- \* Demonstrated commitment to service

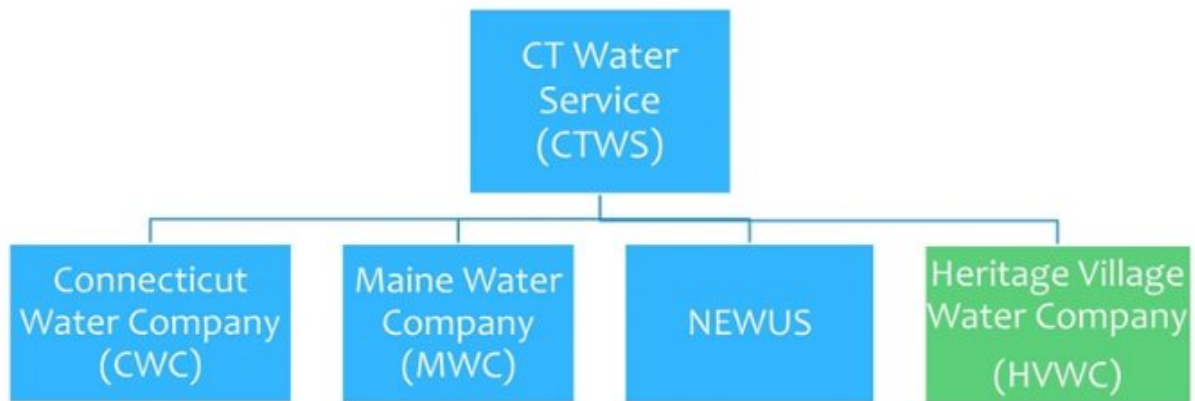




- Water service to more than 4,700 customers in Southbury, Middlebury and Oxford
- Wastewater service to over 3,000 customers in Heritage Village Condominium, as well as Southbury Training and several adjoining residential developments
- About 1/3 of Town of Southbury served by HV
- Considerable investments in water and wastewater systems
- Provides quality water and service



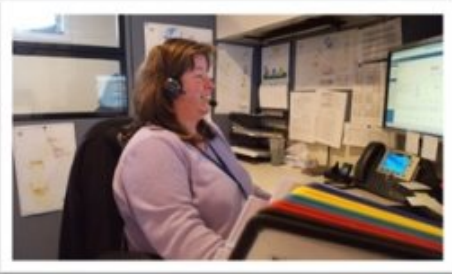
# 'Sister Companies'



# Focus on Customer Satisfaction



Connecticut Water consistently receives high satisfaction ratings in independent surveys of customers and public opinion leaders in communities we serve



2016 midyear customer satisfaction results = 91.8%

Has excellent reputation with the regulatory agencies

# Customer Benefits

- \* In house staff and resources for water quality, engineering, finance, ITS, and customer service
- \* Cost effective support for operations; proactive long term planning, asset management, and regulatory compliance
- \* Enhanced communications and customer service tools
  - \* ebilling, online payments, customer notification/protection program for field appointments, and customer assistance program;
  - \* website with regular customer updates; and
  - \* Code Red system for emergency customer notifications.
- \* Local office retained for at least one year with additional support from larger organization



# Other Benefits

- \* Size and presence of larger, regional company
- \* Operational efficiencies, purchasing power, and other economies of scale
- \* Ready access to capital - quickly fund unexpected needs and maintain service quality
- \* Short and long term savings will be realized
- \* Savings ultimately reflected in customers' rates





# Rates Matter!



- \* Acquisition will **NOT** impact current rates for Connecticut Water or Heritage Village customers
- \* Heritage Village will have its own rates and revenues as a separate subsidiary
- \* Heritage Village rates were just subject to extensive review by PURA with the construction of new wastewater plant
- \* The 2015 Heritage Village rate case decision and the phase in of the rate adjustment will be honored

# Connecticut Water's Rates

- \* Manages costs to minimize impacts on customer rates without impacting service to our customers or our employees
- \* Only pursues rate increases when necessary to maintain our operations, water quality and customer service
- \* Has not filed general rate increase since 2010



# Rates of Acquired Companies



- \* If companies are merged in the future, HVWC division would continue to have separate rates
- \* Rate proceedings are public process
- \* Direct notice to customers
- \* Opportunity for Town and/or individual customers to participate in proceeding



# Operational Flexibility and System Reliability

- \* Connecticut Water owns and operates a larger water system in the Central Naugatuck River Valley capable of supplying additional manpower and water to HVWC
- \* Prepared to respond to emergencies, sharing services as necessary, to provide greater reliability of service
- \* Permit for interconnection
  - \* CT Water to provide HVWC up to 500,000 gpd, as needed
  - \* does not authorize taking water from HVWC aquifers for use in other locations



# Environmental Stewards



- \* Recognized leader in environmental stewardship
- \* Prepared to partner with Town and PRWC to support the protection of local water resources
- \* Productive discussions about conservation and management of water supplies to mitigate impacts on this local water resource



# Active in the communities we serve!



# Benefits to Your Community

## Company.....

- \* assumes all rights, responsibilities and regulatory obligations as a regulated public water utility
- \* finances any construction necessary to maintain system to meet state and federal regulations
- \* ensures adequate supply for current and projected needs of community
- \* is a local business that pays property tax
- \* is a partner in economic development





Ready to Serve Your Community

Questions?

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