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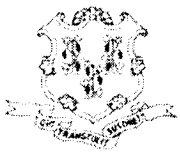

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NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Commissioner of Public Health hereby gives notice in accordance with § 25-33e of the Connecticut General Statutes (*Conn. Gen. Stat.*) and § 25-33h-1(j) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies that two public hearings have been scheduled regarding the alteration of the boundaries of the public water supply management areas and the priorities for initiation of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) planning process established in *Conn. Gen. Stat.* §§ 25-33f to 25-33h, inclusive. The first hearing will be held on May 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Brookfield Town Hall in Brookfield, Connecticut for public comment. A second hearing will be held on May 19, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments in Norwich, Connecticut for public comment. The scheduling of this matter is subject to change. You are urged to call (860) 509-7566 the day before the hearings to verify this schedule.

In addition, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Department on or before May 23, 2014 to: Kathryn Keenan, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, 410 Capital Avenue, MS #13PHO, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, Connecticut 06134.

On March 6, 1985, in accordance with Public Act 85-535 and *Conn. Gen. Stat.* § 25-33e, the Commissioner of Public Health delineated the final boundaries of the public water supply management areas ("the 1985 Boundaries") and established the first three priorities for initiation of the WUCC planning process established in *Conn. Gen. Stat.* §§ 25-33f to 25-33h, inclusive. The Commissioner of Public Health established the last four WUCC priorities on October 30, 1995.

Pursuant to *Conn. Gen. Stat.* § 25-33e and § 25-33h-1(j) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, the Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Secretary of Policy and Management, has preliminarily altered the 1985 Boundaries and the priorities for initiation of the WUCC planning process established in *Conn. Gen. Stat.* §§ 25-33f to 25-33h, inclusive.

In making such alteration of the 1985 Boundaries, the Commissioner of Public Health, pursuant to *Conn. Gen. Stat.* § 25-33e(a), is required to consider the following factors:

> (1) The similarity of water supply problems among water companies operating in the preliminary management area; (2) population density and distribution in the area; (3) the location of existing sources of public water supply, service areas or franchise areas; (4) existing interconnections between public water systems; (5) municipal and regional planning agency* boundaries; (6) natural drainage basins; (7) topographic and geologic characteristics; and (8) any other factor he deems relevant.

A copy of a map of Connecticut containing the preliminarily altered boundaries is attached.

In altering the priorities, the Commissioner of Public Health, pursuant to *Conn. Gen. Stat.* § 25-33e(b), is required to consider the existence and severity of the following in each management area: (1) Uncoordinated planning, (2) inadequate water supply, and (3) unreliable water service. The preliminarily altered priorities established are first Northeastern, second Western, third Central Corridor, and fourth Southeastern. The intent is to convene all four WUCC areas within a six month timeframe.

Pursuant to *Conn. Gen. Stat.* §19a-2a, the hearing shall be conducted by Kathryn Keenan, who is hereby appointed as Hearing Officer.

4/15/2014
Date

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