



## Aqua America Declares 7 Percent Dividend Increase

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BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 20, 2018-- The Board of Directors of Aqua America (NYSE: WTR) declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.2190 per share today, payable Sept. 1, 2018 to all shareholders of record on Aug. 17, 2018.

The September 2018 dividend will represent a \$0.0143 increase, or 7.0 percent, compared to the \$0.2047 cash dividend the company paid in June of this year. This marks the 28<sup>th</sup> dividend increase in the past 27 years, and the company has paid a consecutive quarterly cash dividend for more than 73 years. Following the increase, the annualized dividend rate will be \$0.876 per share. The board's stated long-term targeted dividend payout ratio continues to be in the range of 60 to 70 percent of earnings from operations.

"Our long history of paying consistent and growing dividends over the last 27 years demonstrates our commitment to returning value to shareholders," said Aqua America's Chairman and CEO Christopher Franklin. "We are proud that our operational excellence and financial strength have allowed us to deliver value to shareholders while continuing to serve more customers and invest in infrastructure."

Aqua America is one of the largest U.S.-based, publicly traded water utilities and serves nearly 3 million people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Indiana and Virginia. Aqua America is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WTR. Visit [AquaAmerica.com](http://AquaAmerica.com) for more information.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others: the Company's long-term targeted payout ratio. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including: the company's continued ability to adapt itself for the future and build value by fully optimizing company assets; general economic business conditions; unfavorable weather conditions; the success of certain cost containment initiatives; changes in regulations or regulatory treatment; availability and access to capital; the cost of capital; disruptions in the credit markets; the success of growth initiatives; the company's ability to continue to deliver strong results; the company's success in its Pennsylvania DSIC and rate filings; and other factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. For more information regarding risks and uncertainties associated with Aqua America's business, please refer to Aqua America's annual, quarterly and other SEC filings. Aqua America is not under any obligation -- and expressly disclaims any such obligation -- to update or alter its forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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