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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED WATER JERSEY CITY TO SHUT DOWN AND INSPECT 100-YEAR OLD AQUEDUCT

Jersey City And Hoboken Customers Asked To Conserve Water

HARRINGTON PARK, NJ, October 15, 2010 – Maintenance crews from United Water Jersey City will shut down Jersey City’s water supply aqueduct for about two weeks beginning on Monday, October 18. During that time customers in Jersey City and Hoboken will receive water through an interconnection with the Passaic Valley Water Commission and the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission.

The company will inspect and perform maintenance on the 100-year old tunnel system. In addition, improvements will be made at the city’s water treatment plant in Boonton. This work will help ensure water quality and service reliability.

“While we fully anticipate that we will meet our customers’ water needs, we’re asking them to conserve water during this two-week period,” said John Hroncich, operations manager for United Water Jersey City. “That means using water only for essential purposes such as bathing and cooking and washing only full loads of dishes and clothes at night.”

Customers may experience discolored water at the beginning and end of the shutdown. This is a buildup of harmless minerals in the water mains. Although the discolored water poses no health threat, customers may want to let it run clear before using it for drinking, cooking or washing clothes. United Water crews will be flushing the system to remove and minimize any discoloration.

For more information about the shutdown, visit unitedwater.com or call the customer service center at 800-575-4433.

United Water Jersey City provides water service to approximately 250,000 residents in Jersey City and supplies wholesale water to Hoboken, Lyndhurst and West Caldwell. The company operates the Jersey City water system through a contract agreement with the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority.

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United Water provides water and wastewater services to 7.3 million people in the United States. In addition to owning and operating 20 regulated utilities, United Water operates 240 municipal and industrial systems through public-private partnerships and contract agreements, including three of the nation's largest water and wastewater contracts. The company's affiliate, Utility Service Company, is the nation's leading provider of long-term water tank management contracts with municipal and industrial clients. Founded in 1869, United Water is a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT.

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