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RWE Acquisition Update #12

December 28, 2001

This is an update on the RWE/Thames transaction for American Water Associates. Frequent updates will be distributed in the coming weeks via email. They are then archived, along with other important materials, in the "RWE Acquisition Update" database on Lotus Notes.

Done! Regulatory Filing Work Complete

As December draws to a close, a significant milestone in the RWE/Thames transaction has been reached. Petitions were filed in the 9 of the 10 states where regulatory approval is required before the transaction can close. Those states are:

California New Jersey Pennsylvania
Illinois New Mexico Virginia
Maryland New York West Virginia

Regulatory approval is also required in Kentucky, but at the request of the state commission staff, we have delayed that filing until later this month.

In another six states the Company has formally notified the various commissions of the transaction. Those states are:

Arizona Iowa Tennessee Hawaii Ohio Texas

In another four states, neither regulatory approval nor formal notification is required. They are: Georgia, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri.

Finally, since the Company is in the process of divesting its operations in New England, we are not pursuing any regulatory review in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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