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Illinois American Water Announces Over \$5.7 Million Investment for over 21,000 Feet of Water Main Installation and Main Break Prevention

Peoria, Ill. (Aug. 30, 2017) – Illinois American Water plans to invest over \$5.7 million to improve its distribution system. The investment includes installing over four miles of water main in Peoria, Limestone Township and Bartonville. In addition, 11 pressure-reducing valves will be installed in the system's high service zone in Peoria for main break reduction. Weather permitting; crews will begin work in early September, starting at various times with total completion of this work by the end of the year.

PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES

In the Peoria District's high service zone, water main breaks have been trending up in recent years, a problem amplified by high operating pressures. Eleven new pressure reducing valves will be installed to help reduce pressure in those areas from over 100 psi to closer to the recommended 80 psi. This investment will enable stable water pressure and help reduce future water main breaks.

According to Christian Volz, engineering manager for the Peoria service area, Illinois American Water continuously looks for opportunities to improve system operations. He said, "Our engineering team investigates every water main break and determined this to be the best, most prudent approach to help prevent water main breaks and reduce related service and traffic impact from those breaks."

The pressure reducing valves will be installed as follows:

- West of Willow Knolls at W. Willow Knolls & W. War Memorial
- South of War Memorial at W. Willow Knolls & W. War Memorial
- South of War Memorial at W. Baring & W. War Memorial
- North of Camille at W. Camille & N. Hamilton
- West of Melody at W. Glen, between N. Melody & N. Glen Park
- North of Clarewood at N. University & W. Clarewood
- West of Sheridan at N. Sheridan and W. Lake
- South of Lake at N. Sheridan & W. Lake
- East of California at E. War Memorial & N. California
- South of London at E. London & Atlantic
- West of Dayton at E. Rouse, between Dayton & Columbus

Once the pressure reducing valves are in place, Illinois American Water's engineering team will determine the appropriate time to bring the new pressure system online. This is expected to occur next year.

When that phase of the project occurs, customers will be contacted via Illinois American Water's customer notification system regarding any impact to water service and necessary steps. The Company's notification system contacts customers via telephone and text or email. Customers should update their contact information and choose their notification preference online at www.illinoisamwater.com or by calling 800-422-2782.

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MAIN REPLACEMENT WORK

Illinois American Water's main replacement program focuses on replacing mains where leaks occur, corrosion has caused damage or the size of the pipe isn't sufficient.

Volz said, "We invest annually to ensure that local water quality and service continues to be as good as or better than local, state and federal quality standards. These projects will benefit all of our customers because they help ensure adequate flow to homes and businesses for service and fire protection."

A map of the proposed work can be viewed here – <http://arcg.is/1GPuLf> - (A list of projects is also included at the end of this release.) Customers affected by the work will be notified via letter about the impact and any necessary steps. The letter will include a local contact for questions. Water main installation projects are listed below. Linear Feet (LF) info is approximate.

- **W. Shoff Circle & Kickapoo Ln.** – Bounded by Harmon Highway, Limestone Twp. ~1,633 LF
- **Rosaria Ave.** – From US RTE 24 to S. Adams St., Bartonville ~ 267 LF
- **Collier Ave.** – From US RTE 24 to S. Adams St., Bartonville ~ 534 LF
- **W. Airland St.** – From Airport Road to its terminus, Bartonville ~ 684 LF
- **S. Jefferson St.** – From approximately 6312 S. Jefferson St. to the terminus, Bartonville ~ 386 LF
- **Madison Ct.** – From Weiman Ave. to S. Monroe Ave., Bartonville ~ 784 LF
- **Colona Ave., S. Jefferson St., S. Monroe Ave.** – Three bounded by S. Adams on the east and W. Garfield on the south, Bartonville ~ 2,133 LF
- **W. Montana St.** – From S. Idaho to S. Griswold St., Peoria ~ 2,028 LF
- **NE Lake & Park Ave.** – Peoria ~ 623 LF
 - Along Park Ave. from NE Perry to the RR Track
 - Along NE Lakeview Ave. from NE Perry
- **Fairholm Ave.** – From NE Rock Island Ave. to the end of the road, Peoria ~ 111 LF
- **W. Hayes St., S. Easton Ave., W. Grinnell St.** - Peoria ~2,469 LF.
 - Along W. Hayes St. from S. Western Ave. to S. Lydia Ave.
 - Along S. Easton Ave from W. Hayes St. to W. Grinnell St.
 - Along W. Grinnell St. from S. Lydia Ave to S. Easton Ave.
- **N. Kane St., N. Webster St., N. Sand St., W. Hurlburt St.** - Peoria ~ 1,910 LF
 - Along N. Kane St. from W. 4th St. to John Gywnn Jr. Ave.
 - Along N. Webster St. from W. 3rd St. to John Gywnn Jr. Ave.
 - Along N. Sand St. from W. 3rd St. to John Gywnn Jr. Ave.
 - Along W. Hurlburt St. from Webster St. to Steubenville Ave.
- **W. Circle Rd.** - (a semi-circle with intersections @ N Dries Ln.), Peoria ~ 500 LF
- **N. Ellis St., N. North St.** - Peoria ~ 975 LF
 - Along N. Ellis St. from W. Hudson St. to the South
 - Along N. North St. from W. Hudson St. to W. Forrest Hill Ave.
- **N. Bestor St.** - from Columbia Terrace to its North Terminus, Peoria ~ 898 LF
- **N. Valley Ave, N. Bourland Ave., N. Underhill St., W. Richmond Ave.** - Peoria ~ 1,314 LF
 - Along N. Valley Ave. from the existing fire hydrant to the North Terminus
 - Along N. Bourland Ave. from the existing fire hydrant to the North Terminus
 - Along N. Underhill St. from the existing fire hydrant to the South Terminus
 - Along W. Richmond Ave. from N. Bestor St. to N. Sheridan Rd.
- **W. Groveland, W. Rice, N. Underhill, N. Broadway, N. Ashley, N. Milton, N. Linsey** - Peoria ~ 3,484 LF
 - Along W. Groveland Ave. from N. Bourland Ave. to N. Underhill St.
 - Along W. Rice St. from N. Underhill St. to N. Gale Ave.
 - Along N. Underhill St. from N. Gale Ave. to W. Brons Ave.
 - Along N. Broadway St. from W. Brons Ave. to W. Nebraska Ave.
 - Along N. Ashley Ct. from W. Nebraska to its North Terminus
 - Along N. Milton Ct. from W. Nebraska to its North Terminus
- **W. St. James St.** - From N. Sheridan Rd. to N. Orange St., Peoria ~783 LF

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The U.S. EPA reports that the nation's water utilities will need to make more than \$335 billion in infrastructure investments over the next 20 years to ensure public health. These investments include replacing thousands of miles of pipe and upgrades to treatment plants, storage tanks and other assets. Illinois American Water's investment in the Peoria District is just another example of continuous investments and improvements being made.

About Illinois American Water

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly-traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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