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Kentucky American Water Treatment Plant in Owen County Earns Recognition for Excellence in Operations

Lexington, Ky., (Sept. 8, 2017) – The Kentucky/Tennessee Section of the American Water Works Association has recognized Kentucky American Water’s Kentucky River Station II water treatment plant in Owen County with the 2017 Award of Excellence in Plant Operations. The organization’s leadership presented the award during the 2017 Water Professionals Conference held in Lexington this summer and attended by approximately 1,600 water and wastewater professionals from throughout Kentucky and Tennessee.

The facility earned honors based on a committee’s review of the plant’s management, records, appearance and other factors.

The Kentucky River Station II at Hardin’s Landing launched operations in 2010 to address a long-standing water supply deficit in the Central Kentucky region. The plant has a rated treatment plant capacity of 20 million gallons per day (MGD) and withdraws water from Pool 3 of the Kentucky River. It is one of three water treatment facilities owned and operated by Kentucky American Water. Kentucky River Station I and the Richmond Road Station treatment facilities are located in Lexington.

“This facility holds a unique place in the modern history of our company and region because it addressed a water supply issue that had plagued Central Kentucky for more than 20 years,” said Kevin Rogers, vice president of operations. “Today, we are pleased to say with confidence that the water supply for our Central Kentucky customers is in great shape because of this plant. Our ability to perform maintenance and upgrades on our other two plants has also improved since Kentucky River Station II came online, because it can help supplement supply.”

Kentucky River Station II at Hardin’s Landing is located on US 127 at the Franklin/Owen County line. It’s connected to the company’s Central Kentucky distribution system via a 31-mile, 42-inch-diameter water

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transmission main that travels from Owen County through Franklin and Scott counties before connecting in Fayette County. Although initially built to serve customers in the company's Central Kentucky service area, the company completed a pipeline connection in 2014 that enabled the plant to serve Kentucky American Water customers in Owen County, too. In doing so, the company was able to decommission a smaller, older treatment facility in Owenton, Ky., while gaining operational efficiencies and enhancing service.

The facility participates in the voluntary, national Partnership for Safe Water, which means the water it provides goes above and beyond the quality levels required by law.

"We're really proud to receive the AWWA Kentucky/Tennessee Section award this year," said Nathan Clark, operations superintendent of the company's Northern District, which spans portions of Gallatin, Grant and Owen counties. "We have a uniquely dedicated team of professionals that works diligently every day to provide quality, reliable service to customers, and we appreciate them being recognized for their efforts."

About Kentucky American Water

Kentucky 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 half a million people. The company earned Best Place to Work in Kentucky honors in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. For more information, visit www.kentuckyamwater.com.

About American Water

Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. Marking its 130th anniversary this year, 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 at www.amwater.com.

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