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Executive Director Katherine J. Pedersen to Retire

Executive Director Katherine J. Pedersen has announced her decision to retire from the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission in February 2016. Ms. Pedersen has served in various leadership roles during her 30+ year tenure with the Water Department and the Water and Sewer Commission, most recently as Executive Director since February of 2012. Ms. Pedersen has been actively involved in the drinking water community and is a recipient of the Water Works Pride Award, Distinguished Drinking Water Public Involvement Award, the George Warren Fuller Memorial Award, and this month will receive the John H. Chafee Distinguished Public Service Award.

"It has been a privilege to lead the water and sewer commission over the past four years," said Ms. Pedersen. "After more than three decades of working in the water profession and serving Springfield residents, it's time to transfer the leadership role and I welcome the opportunities retirement offers."

"Kathy has been an integral part of operations at the water and sewer commission," said Daniel Rodriguez, Chairman of the Board. "As Commissioners, we have come to rely heavily on Kathy's extensive experience and leadership skills, and we have developed the utmost respect for her. We wish her good health and happiness as she transitions to the next phase of her life."

The Board of Commissioners has established a comprehensive six-month process to select the Commission's next Executive Director. The position will be posted on September 8, 2015, and



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both internal and external candidates are encouraged to apply for consideration. Ms. Pedersen will continue in her role as Executive Director throughout the transition period.

“I look forward to working with the Board of Commissioners and our management team during the six-month transition period and I am confident that the selection process will identify a well-qualified candidate to serve as the next Executive Director,” said Ms. Pedersen.

Requirements for the Executive Director Position and instructions on how to submit a resume can be found on the Commission’s website, waterandsewer.org. Questions about the selection process should be directed to Ms. Pedersen at kathy.pedersen@waterandsewer.org.

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