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UTILITIES, INC. ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF LOUISIANA SEWERAGE DISTRICT

NORTHBROOK, Ill. – September 1, 2009 -- Utilities, Inc. and its subsidiary Utilities, Inc. of Louisiana (UIL) have announced UIL's acquisition of the sewer collection system assets of Sewerage District No. 6 in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. The District was formed in 1985 to serve residential and commercial development in the area between Abita Springs and Covington. The District served approximately 940 customers including the Abita Brewery.

"Growth through acquisitions like Sewerage District No. 6 is exciting for us. Our acquisition alleviated the need for the District to make a significant capital investment in its old wastewater treatment plant by connecting Sewerage District No. 6 customers to our adjacent Arrowwood Wastewater Treatment Plant. It's a win-win situation for all concerned. The District avoided an unnecessary investment, the customers continue to experience reasonable rates, LDEQ eliminates an environmentally challenged plant and UIL can fully utilize our upgraded plant," says Don Sudduth, Vice President of Corporate Development for Utilities, Inc. "We were pleased to work with the Louisiana Public Service Commission to complete one of the first transactions planned in connection with the Parish's effort to regionalize wastewater treatment and improve the region's waterways."

The existing Arrowwood Wastewater Treatment Plant is a regional facility with capacity to provide high-quality treatment through the use of filters and UV disinfection. The plant processes sewerage from existing residential and commercial developments located within the Arrowwood-Northpark service areas, and now the customers located within the previous Sewerage District No. 6 boundaries. The connection between Arrowwood and the old District collection system has been completed and the flows from Sewerage District No. 6 are now redirected into the Arrowwood plant for treatment and disposal.

"We take pride in our ability to consolidate systems, eliminate non-compliant facilities and unwanted sources of pollution; all while protecting the way of life everyone has grown to love here in St. Tammany Parish", says Delos Williams, Regional Director in charge of the Louisiana Operations for Utilities, Inc. "Our experienced Customer Service and Operation Staffs are diligently working through the final stages of the transition process, our Operator assigned to this area has already taken over the day-to-day operations of the collection facilities, and we are all ready to provide the best available service to our new customers".

About Utilities, Inc.

Utilities, Inc. was formed in 1965 to provide developers with an alternative method to obtain water and wastewater utility service. Today, Utilities, Inc. is a portfolio company of Highstar Capital, and through its approximately 90 subsidiaries, operates over 500 utility systems in 15 states and serves over 300,000 connections. For further information, please visit www.uiwater.com.

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