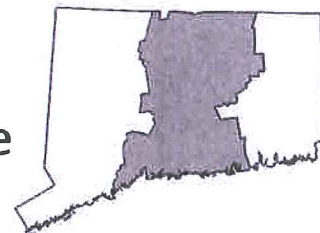


Central Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee



September 26, 2016

WUCC Members
Consulting State Agencies
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RE: Notice of Commencement
Preliminary Exclusive Service Area Boundary Delineation
Central Region WUCC

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The Central Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) is in a two year drinking water supply planning process in the central region public water supply management area. In accordance with Section 25-33h-1(c)(6) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), this letter is being sent to all eligible WUCC members within the central public water supply management area, Chief Administrative Officials, and other interested persons to provide notice that preliminary exclusive service area boundaries (ESAs) are being developed and of your ability to participate in the process.

The term "exclusive service area" (ESA) is defined in Section 25-33h-1(a)(5) of the RCSA as "an area where public water is supplied by one system". Existing service areas of public water systems are automatically granted the ESA for their current service area as part of this process. Functionally, an ESA boundary defines a provider, either a public water system or a municipality, who will be responsible for providing public water system service within the ESA boundary in the event that it is necessary to supply public water service.

The Exclusive Service Area Delineation will be the second of four documents that will be created through the Central Region WUCC planning process. The ESA Delineation document will present the process used to delineate ESAs; mapping relating to existing and proposed ESAs; a list of the existing service area and/or supply agreements that exist between public water systems or localities, including charter and enabling act revisions as applicable; and a discussion of how areas are likely to be served (by main extension or via satellite systems).

The Central Region WUCC encourages participation in all stages of the WUCC process in order to receive input from all interested parties. It is important to participate in order to understand how this process, and specifically the ESA Delineation document will affect public water systems, communities, and the region. Discussion of this topic will continue at the next scheduled WUCC meeting to be held on October 25, 2016. Notification of the location of this meeting will be posted two weeks prior to the meeting date. Members of the public may attend all WUCC meetings.

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The following general schedule is currently anticipated for the ESA process:

- September: Existing ESA holders are being asked to affirm that they intend to maintain their ESAs;
- October: Declaration forms will be issued to Central WUCC members and municipalities in the Central Region where ESAs are currently not established;
- December: Declaration forms due; A summary of declarations will be presented for public comment;
- January: Presentations and conflict resolution to resolve conflicts between ESA declarants will commence;
- March: A Preliminary ESA Delineation Document will be submitted for public review; and
- June: A Final ESA Delineation Document will be submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Additional information pertaining to the Central Region Water Utility Coordinating Committee, including past and future meeting agendas, meeting minutes, correspondence, schedules, mapping, and publications may be found at the following web site: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/wucc>. We look forward to your participation in this important process.

Very Truly Yours,

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David Radka
Central Region WUCC Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Bart Halloran".

Bart Halloran
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