



## **Consolidation of Water Industry Continues**

The consolidation of the water industry in Connecticut continues, as is seen in a January 8, 2013 filing at the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) by Aquarion Water CT. The company filed for the acquisition of West Public Service Company, located in Suffield CT, and REJA Public Service Company, located in Mansfield CT.

Both companies have small, independent systems, which together amount to 272 customers. If acquired, the systems would continue to operate independently, but would have the advantage of being part of a much larger entity which has the resources to meet the current stringent requirement of both Federal & State mandates (Safe Drinking Water Act).

Additionally, this acquisition would help to address the problems of the failing small water companies which are struggling to maintain potable water at an affordable cost to ratepayers.