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American Water Managed System Earns Source Water System of the Year Award ***Meadville Area Water Authority Receives Award from Pennsylvania Rural Water Association***

Voorhees, N.J. (April 10, 2009) – American Water Works Company, Inc. (NYSE: AWK), the largest investor-owned U.S. water and wastewater utility company, announced today that the Meadville Area Water Authority (MAWA), managed by American Water, has received the 2009 Source Water System of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA). This award recognizes a water system that has developed and implemented a highly effective program to protect its source of drinking water. MAWA earned the award as a direct result of its successful Wellhead Protection Plan.

In 2006, MAWA received a \$40,626 Source Water Protection Grant, provided by the Federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program and administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to develop an effective Wellhead Protection Plan. Since then, MAWA has been committed to protecting their water source and providing high-quality, safe, dependable water service to its community. Areas of achievement in protecting its source water are: zoning, stormwater management, capture of chemical data and storage in watershed, education outreach, and working to promote water source to enhance economic development.

“This award salutes everyone's effort towards protecting our most valuable resource-water,” said Gary A. Fabian, Chairperson for the Meadville Area Water Authority. “Together, through this public/private partnership, we have worked tirelessly in meshing the protection of our water source and promoting growth in the community we serve. The partnerships that have been formed will be long lasting because our goals of ‘protection’ and ‘our community’ go hand in hand.”

American Water and MAWA formed a public-private partnership in 1997 to develop long-term strategic management and planning processes. The contract was renewed in January 2008 for an additional 10 years.

“We are extremely pleased to be awarded this contract renewal and are committed to delivering excellent service that Meadville can depend upon,” said Don Nold, American Water project manager.

Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest investor-owned U.S. water and wastewater utility company. With headquarters in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs more than 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to approximately 15 million people in 32 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

About MAWA

The Meadville Area Water Authority (MAWA) was formed in 1991 when its Board purchased the water system assets from the City of Meadville. The sale of the water system created a needed revenue source for the City of Meadville. This transaction also created the opportunity for the MAWA to concentrate solely on operating the water utility to meet current and future needs. The MAWA's 100 year-old water system includes: 7 groundwater wells and a 5 million-gallon-per-day water treatment pumping station; a 4.5 million gallon covered reservoir and two 300,000 elevated tanks, over 78 miles of mains, over 500 fire hydrants, over 5,000 meters and service lines, and over 1,000 valves. The population served exceeds 16,000 people, with a service area covering: the City of Meadville, three adjacent townships (Vernon, West Mead, Woodcock), and providing bulk water service to the Vernon Township Water Authority. For more information about MAWA visit www.mawa.us.

About PRWA

The PRWA is a member-supported, non-profit, non-government organization, that has established and maintained a reputation for integrity and technical excellence by providing leadership in the operation, maintenance, and management of systems responsible for providing safe drinking water and wastewater management - community, industrial, or commercially operated. For more information about PRWA visit www.prwa.com.