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PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION JEFFERSON COUNTY SYSTEM UPGRADE

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (April 10, 2018) – Pennsylvania American Water announced today the start of an approximately \$1 million investment to make pipeline and water system upgrades in its Punxsutawney operation. The company provides water service to approximately 3,600 customers in Punxsutawney and Big Run Boroughs, and portions of Bell, Gaskill, Young and McCalmont Townships.

The company is building a new booster pump station in the Point View Terrace area of Punxsutawney. It will replace the existing facility that was built in 1978 and has reached the end of its useful life span. When the entire project is completed later this summer, customers will benefit from improved reliability and increased fire flows. The facility includes four new pumps with a total capacity of about 2,000 gallons per minute, or 2.9 million gallons per day.

“Although water pressures in this area have met regulatory requirements, the existing new booster pump has both capacity and reliability limitations that will be addressed with the new facility,” said Senior Project Manager Jed Fiscus of Pennsylvania American Water. “This investment will improve service to the Punxsutawney Area Hospital along with other local customers.”

The new booster pump will help feed water in the distribution system into adjacent areas. The project includes installing approximately 1,100 feet of new water main to help better circulate flow within the pressure zone. The company’s contractor, Mealy Excavating and Construction, Inc., will begin construction in mid-April. Weather permitting; the company expects to bring the new booster pump online by September 2018.

Fiscus added, “The installation of the new pump station will enable the company to maintain adequate pressure and fire flows in the Hillcrest Drive and North Main Street areas when our tank near the Punxsutawney Area Hospital is rehabilitated in 2019.”

The construction of the new pump station is the second of a three-phase, approximately \$2.2 million investment, which will conclude with the rehabilitation of the Punxsutawney Area Hospital tank in 2019. Phase one included the installation of 3,200 feet of new main from Monticello Drive to Hillcrest Drive during the summer of 2016.

Starting later this spring, crews will install nearly 230 feet of eight-inch ductile iron pipe along Eureka Street in Punxsutawney Borough. The new main will improve service, water quality, and replace smaller diameter pipe that was installed in 1920.

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The company expects to complete the new main installation, testing and disinfection, and connecting customers' service lines to the new main by late summer. Weather permitting, final paving restoration is scheduled for completion in November 2018.

Pennsylvania American Water reminds motorists traveling through construction zones to obey work zone speed limits, focus on the road and discontinue the use of cell phones.

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