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Christopher Countie Honored by the New England Water Works Association

HOLLISTON, Mass. – Christopher Countie, Water Supply Manager for Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., received the Operator Meritorious Service Award from the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA), the region’s largest and oldest not-for-profit organization of water works professionals.

This award recognizes special performance by operators for compliance with public health standards, plant maintenance, development of new ideas, training, outstanding achievement beyond normal operating responsibilities, and consistent operation of distribution lines, pumps stations, and reservoirs.

Chris has spent his entire career at Pennichuck Water Works. In his current role as Water Supply Manager Chris is responsible for managing the operation and maintenance of approximately 160 community water systems and the company’s surface water treatment facility. He is both a mentor and leader of his 22 staff members. Previously, Chris has acted as a project manager in the engineering services department, an assistant distribution manager, a Class 1 water treatment plant operator, and a Class 1 utility technician. Chris holds Grade 4 distribution and treatment operator licenses in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Chris has been a member of NEWWA since 2001 and is an active volunteer. He serves as a member of the Operator Certification, Residuals, and Scholarship Committees.

Chris received this award on September 20, 2016, during the 135th NEWWA Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

The New England Water Works Association is a nonprofit, independent, member-driven organization dedicated to serving the region’s water works professionals and the public interest. It is the oldest and most active regional water works association in the United States. For more than a century, NEWWA has worked to improve and sustain public water supplies, protect public health and safety, and advance the water supply profession. Visit us at newwa.org.

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