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ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY RECEIVES INDUSTRY AWARDS

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, April 9, 2010 – Improvements to the Erie County Water Authority’s (ECWA) Sturgeon Point Treatment Plant in Derby, New York have resulted in the ECWA being recognized by two state associations representing the engineering and public works industries. The Silver Award for Engineering Excellence from the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC-NY) was awarded to the ECWA on March 27 and the Environmental Project of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association – New York Chapter (APWA-NY) was awarded to the ECWA on April 8. The ECWA’s professional engineering team worked with national environmental engineering firm Malcolm Pirnie on the project.

“It is an honor to have the hard work of the ECWA recognized by these prestigious industry associations,” said Frank E. Swiatek, Chairperson of the ECWA Board of Commissioners. “These highly-coveted distinctions are further proof that the ECWA continues to be among the best managed public water utilities in New York State.”

“The Sturgeon Point Treatment Plant is being totally refurbished as part of our 5-year capital improvement plan,” explained Swiatek. “These improvements will ensure that water produced at this facility will meet increased demand in the southern portion of our service district while continuing to meet and exceed stringent federal and state water quality standards.”

The ECWA is currently in the fourth year of a 5-year, $113 Million capital improvement plan. In addition to the work being performed at the Sturgeon Point Treatment Plant, permanent stand-by power generators were installed at the ECWA’s most vital facilities and improvements continue to be made to the distribution system as part of the overall plan. Most of these capital improvements are being made on a pay-as-you-go basis with limited borrowing. More than $15.5 Million will be spent on system-wide upgrades in 2010.

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