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THE YORK WATER COMPANY NAMES NEW OFFICERS

York, Pennsylvania, March 2, 2020: The York Water Company (Nasdaq: YORW) announced today that its Board of Directors promoted Joseph T. (JT) Hand to the positions of President and Chief Executive Officer and Director effective March 1, 2020. This promotion resulted from the previously announced retirement of Jeffrey R. Hines. Mr. Hines served as President and CEO since 2008 and retired after 30 years with York Water. In addition, York Water announced today that its Board of Directors promoted Mark A. Wheeler to the positions of Chief Operating Officer and Secretary.

Mr. Hand has served the past 12 years as Chief Operating Officer of York Water. Mr. Hand has also served as the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies. Locally, Mr. Hand serves on many boards and charities and has served as Chairman of the following York County organizations: York County United Way, the Children's Home of York, DreamWrights, and the Farm and Natural Lands Trust of York County. Prior to his service with York Water, Mr. Hand retired as a Lieutenant-Colonel after a distinguished 22-year career with the US Army Corps of Engineers, serving in a variety of positions including Deputy Commander of the Baltimore District. Mr. Hand's Army service included deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan where he earned the Bronze Star Medal.

Mr. Hand has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Vermont, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from York College of Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College.

Mr. George Hodges, Chairman of the Board, stated that "JT has been a leader of York Water's operations and expansion for the past 12 years and has provided a tremendous benefit to the Company and the York community. JT's integrity, competence, and leadership have been instrumental in York Water's growth. JT has been responsible for 20 acquisitions while at the same time insuring our water supply is prepared for the next 200 years of service to our growing community. JT has the perfect credentials and experience to continue to provide leadership, customer service, shareholder value, and growth for our publicly traded and community-based water supply."

Mr. Wheeler has served as Chief Administrative Officer since September 2019. Mr. Wheeler is involved with the community serving as director or committee member with such organizations as York County United Way, Red Lion Area Educational Foundation, and the York campus of Penn State University. Prior to his service with York Water, Mr. Wheeler was the Chief Financial Officer for Knott Mechanical in Hunt Valley, MD and for New Standard Corporation in York, PA. Prior to that, Mr. Wheeler held various positions of increasing responsibility for Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster, PA, and York International Corporation and Gichner Systems Group in York, PA.

Mr. Wheeler has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Penn State University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from York College of Pennsylvania.

President Hand commented that “Mark is a proven business leader and innovator with a diverse portfolio of operational experience. His analytical and operational skillsets are superb and align well with leading York Water’s operations in this complex utility environment. Mark understands the critical importance of our mission and brings a passion and commitment to building partnerships to our Company and the communities we serve.”

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