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California Water Service Group Announces Election of Edwin A. Guiles to Its Board of Directors

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On March 26, 2008, Edwin A. Guiles, 58, was elected to the Board of California Water Service Group (NYSE:CWT).

Guiles' career in the energy industry spans 36 years; prior to assuming his current position as Executive Vice President of Corporate Development at San Diego-based Sempra Energy, he held a range of senior management positions, including Chairman and CEO of the Sempra Energy Utilities, San Diego Gas & Electric, and Southern California Gas Company.

"Mr. Guiles has had a distinguished career in energy utility management, and he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our Board. It is my great pleasure to welcome him to California Water Service Group," said Board Chairman Robert W. Foy.

Among Guiles' chief professional accomplishments are his leadership in guiding his companies through California's energy crisis, his role in producing outstanding results for utility customers and shareholders, and his ability to forge strong relationships with employees.

Guiles holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Arizona and is a graduate of executive programs at the University of Southern California and the Edison Electric Institute. A noted civic leader, he has served as planning commissioner for the city of Chula Vista, director of the Arthritis Foundation, and a member of the boards of the Wellness Communities and San Diego Development Council. He is currently a Director and 2008 Chairman of the California Chamber of Commerce.

"We take pride in the range of talents and professional backgrounds represented on our Board. Mr. Guiles brings a unique and valuable perspective to the table, and we are confident that he will be an asset to our team," Foy said.

California Water Service Group is the parent company of California Water Service Company, Washington Water Service Company, New Mexico Water Service Company, Hawaii Water Service Company, Inc., CWS Utility Services, and HWS Utility Services, LLC. Together these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water service to approximately 2 million people in more than 100 California, Washington, New Mexico and Hawaii communities. Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT."

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