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City of Albuquerque, N.M. Chooses ClorTec On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generating System from Severn Trent Services

Fort Washington, PA (May 24, 2001) – The City of Albuquerque depends entirely on groundwater from 93 deep aquifer wells to supply water to over 400,000 residents. Until recently, reservoirs would receive water from well fields and use chlorine gas from 150-lb. cylinders for disinfection purposes. Due to inherent hazards of handling chlorine gas, coupled with the increasing regulations of its use, the Albuquerque Water Utility Division (AWUD) decided to seek out alternative disinfection technologies. After careful evaluation, AWUD chose the ClorTec On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generating System from Severn Trent Services (www.severntrentservices.com).

Operating advantages of the ClorTec system include elimination of the handling and storage of hazardous materials, avoiding dependency on chemical suppliers, and reduction of disinfection by-products (DBPs). Moreover, the overall costs of on-site generation systems are lower versus conventional technologies. The ClorTec system uses salt, water, and electricity as its only raw materials to produce hypochlorite on-site, as it is needed.

The AWUD elected to convert stations over the course of two years. As of March 2001, Severn Trent Services has installed 11 of 28 stations. Completion is scheduled for September 2001.

With the project nearly 50% completed, Gunnar Thordarson, General Manager, Severn Trent Services, commented, “Alternative disinfection technologies are becoming more common as water professionals are faced with more complex disinfection issues. In 1998, we installed our first on-site sodium hypochlorite generating system. Today, over 1,800 systems have been installed in the USA. Severn Trent Services is a leader in disinfection technology, focused on providing innovative solutions for the water and wastewater industry. This technology coupled with superior customer service and support has resulted in the successful acceptance of the ClorTec system.”

About Severn Trent Services

Severn Trent Services, Inc. based in Fort Washington, PA is a leading supplier of water and wastewater treatment solutions. The company’s broad range of products and services are concentrated around disinfection and filtration technologies, pipeline analysis, rehabilitation and repair services, contract operating services and state-of-the art residential metering products. Its Analytical Services Division, which includes Severn Trent Laboratories (STL), is the worlds leading provider of environmental testing services. Severn Trent Services generates annual sales of \$500 million with nearly 5,000 employees. The company is a part of Severn Trent Plc. (London: SVT.L), Birmingham, England, an international environmental services leader.

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