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AIG HIGHSTAR ANNOUNCES THE ACQUISITION OF UTILITIES, INC. FROM NUON

NEW YORK--April 25, 2006—AIG Highstar Capital II, L.P. (Highstar) today announced that Hydro Star, LLC, a subsidiary of Highstar and certain of its affiliates completed its purchase of 100% of the stock of Utilities, Inc. from a subsidiary of n.v. Nuon (Nuon) on April 19th, after receiving all necessary regulatory approvals. This transaction was previously announced in May, 2005 when the parties signed definitive documentation expressing their intention to consummate a transaction.

Utilities, Inc. is a water and wastewater utility holding company based in Northbrook, Illinois. It has more than 300,000 customers located in 17 states, with a principal focus in the high growth areas of the Sunbelt.

Highstar is a group of private equity funds that invest in infrastructure related assets and businesses. Highstar is sponsored by AIG Global Investment Group (AIGGIG).

"We are pleased to be able to bring Utilities Inc. into our portfolio of companies" said Christopher Lee, Managing Partner of Highstar. "Highstar has a strong history of investing in regulated businesses including interstate pipelines, power generation facilities and waste management. We are pleased to be the first financial buyer to own a regulated water utility of this size in the United States and are confident that our stewardship will give Utilities, Inc. the ability to enhance its existing infrastructure and systems as well as continue to grow."

AIGGIG Global Head of Alternative Investments, Robert Thompson stated, "We have long considered water infrastructure as an attractive investment opportunity and an excellent complement to Highstar's existing portfolio of energy and waste management [infrastructure] companies. Utilities, Inc. is a leader in its industry and we are pleased that Highstar has successfully acquired this business from Nuon."

"We are pleased to have Highstar as an investor," said James Camaren, CEO of Utilities, Inc. "Having a strong financial investor as our primary shareholder will put us on equal footing with the publicly-listed utilities that have large institutional investors. That will be important as we continue to grow our customer base and enhance our systems."

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