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\$30 MILLION SPARTANBURG WATER INVESTMENT IS ‘BUILDING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS’

October 18, 2010 – (Spartanburg, SC) If invitations could be sent via time travel, guests of Spartanburg Water’s upcoming groundbreaking ceremony would certainly include the grandchildren of babies born in the Upstate today. Those future citizens will have plentiful drinking water thanks to improvements underway now at Spartanburg Water’s largest treatment facilities.

“Building for Future Generations” is the theme for the groundbreaking event that will be held Thursday, October 21, 2010 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the R.B. Simms Water Treatment Facility. A color guard of area boy scouts will participate along with local officials in the groundbreaking ceremony to symbolize the current and future value of the innovative \$30 million water infrastructure project.

“Our legacy as water professionals is to thoughtfully plan and make strategic investments that meet the needs of our current citizens as well as future generations,” said Spartanburg Water General Manager Sue Schneider. “Once completed, this project will ensure the sufficient long-term water supply essential to supporting quality of life and a thriving local economy for the Spartanburg region.”

The improvements to Spartanburg Water’s largest water treatment facilities – the R.B. Simms Water Treatment Plant and the Lake Blalock Water Treatment Plant – will increase operational reliability and flexibility, will ensure future regulatory compliance, and will mean sufficient treatment capacity to serve the projected needs of the Spartanburg region for the next 50

years. The project is part of Spartanburg Water's long-term master plan for Water Supply and Water Quality.

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Along with the advantages to meeting the region's water needs, the Simms/Blalock projects are meeting immediate needs for jobs and investment. More than a hundred workers have been employed since the project began last spring, including nearly 50 new jobs that were created. The overall estimated investment into the Spartanburg community will far exceed the \$30 million when construction materials, supplies, jobs, and fees are factored into the equation.

To keep the project as local as possible, Spartanburg Water brought together a team of Upstate engineers, contractors, and sub-contractors to undertake the effort. The project team includes Crowder Construction, B.P. Barber Engineering, and Constantine Engineering. CH2M HILL is serving as Spartanburg Water's program manager.

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