



Essential Utilities Announces Dividend Increase

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BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 29, 2026-- The board of directors of Essential Utilities, Inc. (NYSE: WTRG) today declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.3606 per share, an increase of 5.25%, payable September 1, 2026, to all shareholders of record on August 11, 2026.

Essential Utilities has paid consecutive quarterly cash dividends for over 80 years and has increased the dividend 36 times in the last 35 years.

About Essential

Essential Utilities, Inc. (NYSE: WTRG) delivers safe, clean, reliable services that improve quality of life for individuals, families, and entire communities. With a focus on water, wastewater and natural gas, Essential is committed to sustainable growth, operational excellence, a superior customer experience, and premier employer status. We are advocates for the communities we serve and are dedicated stewards of natural lands, protecting thousands of acres of forests and other habitats throughout our footprint.

Operating as the Aqua and Peoples brands, Essential serves approximately 5.5 million people across nine states. Essential is one of the most significant publicly traded water, wastewater service and natural gas providers in the U.S. Learn more at www.essential.co.

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