



American States Water Company to Present at 2008 NYSSA Conference

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SAN DIMAS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 2, 2008--American States Water Company (NYSE: AWR) announced that Floyd E. Wicks, President & Chief Executive Officer, will present a company overview at the 12th Annual Water Industry Investor Conference, Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 7:20 a.m. Pacific Time, which is being hosted by the New York Society of Security Analysts, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY.

Interested parties may listen to the live audio-only webcast by visiting www.aswater.com and selecting the "Event Calendar" link located on the AWR website "Investors" page. Listeners are encouraged to visit the web site at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled presentation to register, download and install any necessary audio software. The presentation will also be recorded and can be replayed beginning December 4, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. PT through December 18, 2008.

About American States Water

American States Water Company is the parent of Golden State Water Company, American States Utility Services, Inc. and Chaparral City Water Company. Through its subsidiaries, AWR provides water service to 1 out of 37 Californians located within 75 communities throughout 10 counties in Northern, Coastal and Southern California (approximately 255,000 customers) and to over 13,000 customers in the city of Fountain Hills, Arizona and a small portion of Scottsdale, Arizona. The Company also distributes electricity to over 23,000 customers in the Big Bear recreational area of California. Through its non-regulated subsidiary, American States Utility Services, Inc., the Company contracts with the U.S. government and private entities to provide various services, including water marketing and operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems.

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