H2O America Announces Proposed Offering of Equity Units

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SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 29, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- H2O America (NASDAQ: HTO) (the "Company") announced today that it has commenced an underwritten public offering of 6.5 million equity units (the "Offering"), subject to market and other conditions. Each equity unit will be issued in a stated amount of $50 ($325 million aggregate stated amount) and will initially be in the form of a corporate unit consisting of a contract to purchase the Company's common stock in the future (the "purchase contract") and a 1/20 undivided beneficial ownership interest in $1,000 principal amount of the Company's remarketable senior notes due 2031. Pursuant to the terms of the equity units, we expect to issue shares of the Company's common stock to holders on or about November 1, 2029. Before the issuance of the Company's common stock upon settlement of the purchase contracts, the purchase contracts will be reflected in the Company's diluted earnings per share calculations using the treasury stock method.

In connection with the Offering, the Company expects to grant the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 975,000 corporate units ($48.75 million additional aggregate stated amount), solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, within the 13-day period beginning on the day the Company first issues the corporate units.

The Company intends to apply to list the corporate units on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and expects trading to commence within 30 days of the date of initial issuance (subject to listing approval).

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Offering for general corporate purposes, which may include acquisitions, capital expenditures or debt repayment, in line with our previously communicated capital plans, and to satisfy a portion of our future equity needs to refinance a portion of our debt maturing in 2029.

Wells Fargo Securities and J.P. Morgan are acting as joint book-running managers and as representatives of the underwriters for the Offering.

The Offering is being made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Offering is being made only by means of a prospectus supplement, including the accompanying base prospectus. Before you invest, you should read the preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, the registration statement, and the other documents that the Company has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Company and the Offering. Copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the final prospectus supplement, when available, may be obtained by visiting EDGAR on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or from Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, 90 South 7th Street, 5th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402, Attention: WFS Customer Service, toll-free at 1-800-645-3751 or by email at WFScustomerservice@wellsfargo.com or J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717 or by email at prospectus-eq_fi@jpmchase.com.

About H2O America

H2O America is among the largest investor-owned pure-play water and wastewater utilities in the United States, providing life-sustaining and high-quality water service to over 1.7 million people. H2O America includes the following locally led and operated water utilities – San Jose Water Company in California, The Connecticut Water Company in Connecticut, The Maine Water Company in Maine, and SJWTX, Inc. (dba The Texas Water Company) in Texas, including Quadvest's operations.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities described herein, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or other jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including, but not limited to, statements relating to the proposed Offering and expected use of net proceeds, which statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Some of these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believes," "expects," "estimates," "anticipates," "intends," "seeks," "plans," "projects," "may," "should," "will," "approximately," "strategy," or the negative of those words or other comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.

The accuracy of such statements is subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions including, but not limited to, the following factors: (1) the risks associated with the Quadvest and Cibolo Valley transactions, including, the risk of the proposed Cibolo Valley transaction not closing on the anticipated timeline, or at all, and the ability to successfully integrate Quadvest's and

Cibolo Valley's operations and realize the projected financial and other benefits of the proposed transactions; (2) the effect of water, utility, environmental and other governmental policies and regulations, including regulatory actions concerning rates, authorized return on equity, authorized capital structures, capital expenditures, PFAS and other decisions; (3) changes in demand for water and other services; (4) unanticipated weather conditions and changes in seasonality including those affecting water supply and customer usage; (5) the effect of the impact of climate change; (6) unexpected costs, charges or expenses; (7) our ability to successfully evaluate investments in new business and growth initiatives; (8) contamination of our water supplies and damage or failure of our water equipment and infrastructure; (9) the risk of work stoppages, strikes and other labor-related actions; (10) catastrophic events such as fires, earthquakes, explosions, floods, ice storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, terrorist acts, physical attacks, cyber-attacks, epidemic, or similar occurrences; (11) changes in general economic, political, legislative, business and financial market conditions; (12) the ability to obtain financing on favorable terms, which can be affected by various factors, including credit ratings, changes in interest rates, compliance with regulatory requirements, compliance with the terms and conditions of our outstanding indebtedness, and general market and economic conditions; and (13) legislative and general market and economic developments. The risks, uncertainties and other factors may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of H2O America to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to materially differ are described in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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