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NEW CHEMICAL STORAGE BUILDING BRINGS MORE CHANGE TO CWLP'S STEVENSON DRIVE COMPLEX

Construction on a \$4.6 million chemical feed building for the City Water, Light and Power Water Division is well underway. In early 2010, CWLP broke ground for the project at the utility's Stevenson Drive Water Purification Plant. The building will add an extra 7,500 square feet of storage and work space to the water plant, which was originally completed in 1936, and will provide plant employees with a larger space in which to store and disperse some of the chemicals used in the water treatment process.

"This project marks another major step towards upgrading the water plant facilities to more modern technologies," said Mayor Tim Davlin. "CWLP customers will get to see all of these improvements completed in the coming years to further assure the provision of high quality water and reliable service."

"With all of the recent upgrades to the electric side of the business, now our customers get to see their water division investments pay off," said CWLP General Manager Todd Renfrow. "The chemical feed building project, and the upcoming Clearwell water storage project and Pump Station improvements, all represent major upgrades and efficiency improvements to water plant operations."

Over the past decade the Stevenson Drive complex has seen many major construction projects including Dallman 4, the dam gate replacements, and the scrubber and selective catalytic reduction system emissions control projects.

The new chemical feed building, which will connect to the existing plant, is expected to be completed in early 2011. In addition, the two-story east end of the building will house a new plant control room, an additional laboratory, an

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electrical room where transformers and main breakers will replace the existing building's 1950s-era electrical system, and a large training room. Funding for the \$4.6 million project is being made possible through the federal government's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Public Water Supply Revolving Loan Program, which are providing a 0%-interest loan for 75% of the needed capital and principal forgiveness for the remaining 25%. In essence, the principal forgiveness amounts to a \$1.2 million grant.

An online photo gallery of the chemical storage building project has been posted, http://www.cwlp.com/water_division/ChemicalFeedBuilding/chem_bldg_photos.htm.

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