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**CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION
APPOINTS THOMAS A. GEOFFROY AS VICE PRESIDENT**

DOVER, DE – John R. Schimkaitis, President and CEO of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK), announced today that the Company's Board of Directors has promoted Thomas A. Geoffroy to the position of Vice President of the Company.

"Tom has been instrumental in driving the Company's expansion and execution of its growth strategy within the Company's service areas throughout the state of Florida," said Mr. Schimkaitis. "Under his leadership, our utility operations have continually achieved customer growth above the industry average while successfully expanding our natural gas distribution presence from three counties to thirteen counties. He has also led our successful expansion into related, non-regulated businesses in Florida, including natural gas marketing, propane distribution and most recently, community gas systems."

As Vice President, Mr. Geoffroy will continue to oversee all of the Florida businesses as well as continued development and implementation of the Company's growth strategy throughout the state.

A resident of Auburndale, FL, Mr. Geoffroy joined the Company in November of 1996 as the Florida Regional Manager for the Company's Central Florida Gas operation, and was appointed by the Board of Directors in October of 1999 to the position of Assistant Vice President of the Company. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Geoffroy was Gas Systems Operations Manager for Gainesville Regional Utilities in Gainesville, FL. Previously, during his seven-year employment with Gainesville Gas Company, Mr. Geoffroy held various other positions including Controller and Special Services Manager.

Mr. Geoffroy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.

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Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is a diversified utility company engaged in natural gas distribution, marketing and transmission, propane gas distribution and wholesale marketing, advanced information services and other related businesses. Information about Chesapeake's businesses is available at www.chpk.com.

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