

Elaine Bittner, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Receives Top International Honor As Female Executive Of The Year At 2016 Stevie® Awards For Women In Business

DOVER, Del., Dec. 5, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK) (Chesapeake Utilities) Senior Vice President of Strategic Development Elaine Bittner was named "Female Executive of the Year." Ms. Bittner accepted the Gold Stevie Award during the 13th annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business, held in New York City on November 18, 2016.



"Congratulations to Elaine and the other leaders for achieving international recognition for truly exceptional performance in business," said Michael P. McMasters, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. "In her more than 20 years with Chesapeake, Elaine has tackled some of the Company's toughest challenges and driven smart, strategic change. In leading the Company's strategic planning and corporate business development, she is the architect of the operational and cultural alignment that fuels our Company's success. In addition, in her strategic planning role she has dramatically improved our strategic planning processes, making significant contributions to our achieving top ranking among our peers and record earnings. We are delighted that Elaine has been recognized for this award, and honored that she is on our team."

In the last year, Ms. Bittner led the acquisition of Gatherco, Inc. and its successful integration into Aspire Energy; led the Company's strategic plan; assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer for four business units; and continued to direct the communications and human resources strategies leading to Top Workplace recognition for the fifth consecutive year. She also served as Chair of "Go Red for Women" of Southern Delaware, a program of the American Heart Association, where she led a team to achieve record-breaking results.

More than 1,400 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration for a 2016 Stevie Award for Women in Business.

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business are the world's top honors for female entrepreneurs, executives, employees and the organizations they run. All individuals and organizations worldwide are eligible to submit nominations - public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small. The 2016 awards received entries from 31 nations and territories.

Nicknamed the Stevies for the Greek word for "crowned," the awards were presented to winners November 18 during a dinner event attended by more than 500 people at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. The event was broadcast on Livestream.

Stevie Award winners were selected by more than 160 professionals worldwide who participated in the judging process this year.

"Each year we think the quality of achievements portrayed in Stevie-winning nominations couldn't possibly get any better, and each year the amazing women who are recognized in this program prove us wrong," said Michael Gallagher, Stevie

Awards founder and president. "We are thrilled and humbled to be able to recognize so many outstanding women in the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and to share the stories of their achievement with the world."

Details about the Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the list of Stevie Award winners are available at www.StevieAwards.com/Women.

About Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is a diversified energy company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission, gathering and processing, and marketing; electricity generation and distribution; propane gas distribution and wholesale marketing; and other businesses. Information about Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's businesses is available at www.chpk.com.

About The Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in seven programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 10,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 60 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at <http://www.StevieAwards.com>.

Please note that Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is not affiliated with Chesapeake Energy, an oil and natural gas exploration company headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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