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Blackwater Midstream Secures Ex CITGO Manager of Pipelines as New Vice Chairman

NEW ORLEANS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Blackwater Midstream Corp. (OTCBB:BWMS), a developing company in the field of fuel and chemical storage, announced today that Herbert N. (Herb) Whitney, former General Manager of CITGO Petroleum Corporation based in Houston, Texas, was elected as a member of the Board of Directors for the Company.

"I am excited to be part of a team that has foresight into the many exciting opportunities in the market and I believe that Blackwater Midstream has the resources and strategies to take advantage of these opportunities," said Herb Whitney.

At CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Whitney was employed for over 40 years as a General Manager in various aspects of CITGO's operations. He also is the former President of CITGO Pipeline Company and former Chairman of the Board of Colonial Pipeline Company. In these roles Mr. Whitney was responsible for overall strategic leadership and operations management including refined products supply and distribution, worldwide crude purchasing and trading, logistics operations, and initiating and managing multiple cost reduction and supply chain management efforts.

"We're thrilled to have Herb aboard," said Michael Suder, Blackwater's new Director and Chief Executive Officer. "Herb has an impressive track record of managing the supply and distribution of crude oil and petroleum products worldwide. He is highly respected in the industry; the 40 plus years of experience he brings to the table is worth its weight in gold, or oil may be a word better suited."

Herb Whitney began his career at CITGO in 1966 after serving three years in the United States Air Force as a Civil Engineering officer. He retired from CITGO in February 2006 and has been consulting in the area of supply and distribution for the petroleum industry since that time. He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University and has served on many boards and associations including positions as National Chairman of the K-State Alumni Association and Chairman of the Washington, D.C. based Association of Oil Pipelines.

Blackwater Midstream has identified land and facilities along the lower Mississippi River, which it intends to acquire to develop a world-class independent liquid storage terminal for petroleum, chemicals, renewable fuels and agricultural products.

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