



May 20, 2021  
(Via E-Mail due to COVID-19 State of Emergency)

Honorable Aida Camacho Welch  
Secretary of the Board  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re: In the Matter of Middlesex Water Company for Approval of an Increase in its Rates for Water Service and Other Tariff Changes  
BPU Docket No. WR2105 \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find Middlesex Water Company's ("Middlesex" or "the Company", or "Petitioner") Petition, Exhibits and prepared Testimony in the above-referenced matter, which is being delivered both by electronic mail due to the COVID-19 state of emergency. A copy of this complete filing can also be found on Middlesex Water Company website at: <https://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/regulatory-filings/>.

Copies of this Petition and Exhibits have this day been sent by electronic mail to the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel and, by first class mail, upon the clerks of the various municipalities comprising the Petitioner's service territory and the clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders in each affected county.

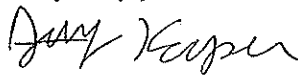
The case may be summarized as a petition for approval of an increase in rates seeking an overall increase of approximately \$31.30 million or 37.79% and approval of other changes to Petitioner's Tariff. Middlesex is filing for recovery of prudently-incurred investments made to address aging drinking water infrastructure and a variety of other improvements to help ensure continued resiliency, reliability and overall quality of service since the Company's last base rate case filing in October 2017.

Since its last base rate filing, Middlesex has invested approximately \$267 million as part of its Water for Tomorrow® capital improvement program. It includes several large scale infrastructure projects, all of which have been completed, but which are not currently reflected in customer's rates including:

- Construction of the Western Transmission Main, a large diameter 4.5 mile transmission pipeline needed to provide critical backup water supply and system resiliency.
- Construction of a new Ozone treatment facility at Middlesex's Carl J. Olsen Water Treatment Plant where ozone will now be used as the primary disinfectant in the water treatment process to mitigate the effects of disinfection byproducts and ensure compliance with increasing regulatory requirements.
- Consistent with the requirements of the New Jersey Water Quality Accountability Act, completed replacement of aging areas of Middlesex's water distribution system using a risk-based approach, which included a risk-based approach, which included mains, valves, service lines and meters under the Company's RENEW program, now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year.
- Renovation and repurposing of the Company's headquarters, built in 1984, to address operational and staffing needs and comply with environmental regulations.
- Improvements to the Company's raw water intake station on the Delaware and Raritan Canal; and
- Improvements related to supplementing emergency power generation and further mitigating environmental impacts related to the water treatment process.

For all of these above reasons, Middlesex respectfully requests that the Board approve this proposed increase in rates and changes to the Company's Tariff pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, N.J.A.C. 14:5-11 and N.J.A.C. 14:9-10.4. Kindly confirm receipt of this filing by electronic mail to [jkooper@middlesexwater.com](mailto:jkooper@middlesexwater.com).

Very truly yours,



Jay L. Kooper  
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Service List B (without Testimony)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES


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In the Matter of MIDDLESEX	:	
WATER COMPANY for Approval	:	
of an Increase in its Rates for	:	
Water Service and Other Tariff Changes	:	

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Jay L. Kooper, an Attorney at Law of New Jersey, hereby certifies the following:

On May 20, 2021 I caused to be served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the within Petition to each party on the attached Service List B, and copies thereof to the Department of Law and Public Safety and to the Director, Division of Rate Counsel by electronic mail due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency.

  
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Jay L. Kooper

Dated: May 20, 2021