

Middlesex services approximately 59,000 retail water customers in the Townships of Edison and Woodbridge, the Boroughs of South Plainfield, Metuchen, and Carteret, and the City of South Amboy in Middlesex County, the Township of Clark in Union County, and the Township of Downe in Cumberland County. On a contract basis, the Company serves part of the Township of Edison, the Borough of Highland Park, the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority, the Marlboro Township Municipal Utilities Authority, and the City of Rahway. The Company also services under a special contract basis for water treatment and pumping services in the Township of East Brunswick.

According to the petition, the Company is engaged in an ongoing capital program to maintain and improve safe, adequate and proper service to its customers. Increases occurred in various expense areas, including operations, maintenance, depreciation and taxes. Additionally, economic challenges continue to impact numerous entities in the Company's service territory, and water sales on an average per-customer basis continue to decline. The Company experienced a loss of sales, and the revenues associated with those sales have not been offset by customer growth. Middlesex seeks the increase to enable the Company "to maintain a satisfactory credit position, to preserve its financial integrity, to permit proper maintenance, development and improvements of the utility plant required to furnish safe, adequate and proper service, to encourage continued good management, to prevent confiscation or diminution of its property and to earn a reasonable return upon the fair value of its property used and useful in the public service." (See Petition at paragraph 6).

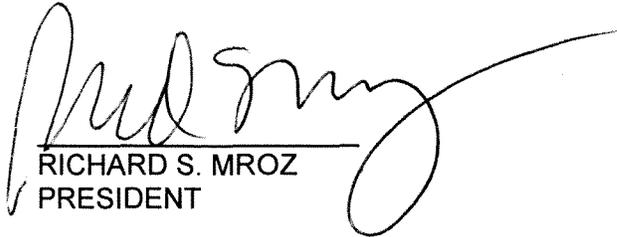
It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be and are suspended until September 4, 2015, unless the Board, prior to that date, makes a determination disposing of the petition, or enters an Order further suspending the proposed revisions;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102), proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and
- (3) Petitioner shall serve copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (140 East Front Street, 4th Floor, Post Office Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625), the clerks of all affected municipalities, the clerks of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of all affected counties, and where appropriate, the executive officer of the affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Order may occur simultaneously. Proof of service of this Order shall be filed with the Board within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order.

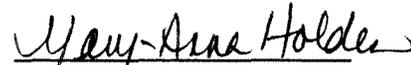
This Order shall be effective on May 29, 2015.

DATED: *May 19, 2015*

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:

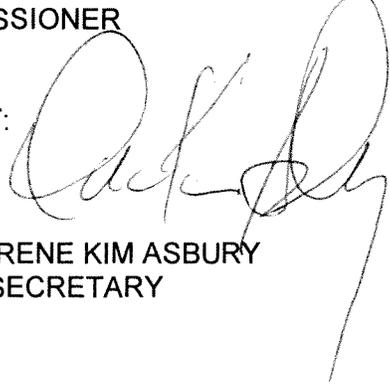

RICHARD S. MROZ
PRESIDENT


JOSEPH L. FIORDALISO
COMMISSIONER

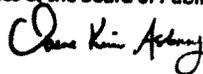

MARY-ANNA HOLDEN
COMMISSIONER


DIANNE SOLOMON
COMMISSIONER


UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: 
IRENE KIM ASBURY
SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within
document is a true copy of the original
in the files of the Board of Public Utilities



**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. WR15030391**

SERVICE LIST

Stephen B. Genzer, Esq.
Saul Ewing
One Riverfront Plaza, Suite 1520
Newark, NJ 07102-5426

Jay Kooper, Esq. General Counsel
Middlesex Water Company
1500 Ronson Road
Iselin, NJ 08830

Dennis W. Doll, President
Middlesex Water Company
1500 Ronson Road
Iselin, NJ 08830

Bruce O'Connor, Vice President and CFO
Middlesex Water Company
1500 Ronson Road
Iselin, NJ 08830

Stefanie A. Brand, Esq., Director
Division of Rate Counsel
140 East Front Street, 4th floor
Post Office Box 003
Trenton, NJ 08625-0003

Debra Robinson, Esq.
Division of Rate Counsel
140 East Front Street, 4th floor
Post Office Box 003
Trenton, NJ 08625-0003

Susan McClure, Esq.
Division of Rate Counsel
140 East Front Street, 4th floor
Post Office Box 003
Trenton, NJ 08625-0003

Alex Moreau, Esq.
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Law
124 Halsey Street, 5th floor
Post Office Box 45029
Newark, NJ 07101-45029

Veronica Beke, Esq.
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Law
124 Halsey Street, 5th floor
Post Office Box 45029
Newark, NJ 07101-45029

Christopher Psihoules, Esq.
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Law
124 Halsey Street, 5th floor
Post Office Box 45029
Newark, NJ 07101-45029

Maria L. Moran, Director
Board of Public Utilities
Division of Water
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Michael Kammer, Bureau Chief
Board of Public Utilities
Division of Water
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Mona Mosser, Bureau Chief
Board of Public Utilities
Division of Water
44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625-0350