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Honorable Gail M. Cookson, ALJ  
New Jersey Office of Administrative Law  
33 Washington Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

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. WR15030391  
OAL Docket No. PUC 04725-2015N

Dear Judge Cookson:

I am pleased to report to you that a settlement has been reached in the above-referenced docket. Enclosed for your consideration is a Stipulation of Settlement executed by Middlesex Water Company, the Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel (the "Signatory Parties"). In addition, we are enclosing Exhibits A through C, which are incorporated as part of the Stipulation of Settlement, along with letters confirming the non-opposition of the remaining parties to the above-referenced docket, the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority, Township of Marlboro and the Township of East Brunswick (the "Intervenor Parties").

For the reasons set forth in the enclosed Stipulation, we believe the settlement represents a just and reasonable outcome and therefore recommend in favor of an Initial Decision accepting the Stipulation in its entirety. As we are endeavoring to ensure this Stipulation, if accepted by Your Honor, is placed on the Board of Public Utilities' August 2015 meeting agenda, the deadline for inclusion on this agenda fast approaching, an expedited issuing of an Initial Decision as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jay L. Kooper  
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

cc: Attached Service List (via electronic mail)

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