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(Via Electronic Mail Only)

Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Ave., Suite 314 P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

Re:

I/M/O Petition of Middlesex Water Co. For Approval To Change the Levels of Its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 et seg. OAL Docket No. PUC 02047-2022S BPU Docket No. WR22030138

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

Please accept this letter as the non-objection of the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") to the Motion For Emergency Relief filed by Middlesex Water Company ("Middlesex") with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") in the above-referenced matter. The Motion requests that the Board approve a change in Middlesex's Purchased Water Adjustment Clause to a rate agreed upon by Middlesex, Board Staff, and Rate Counsel, on an interim basis. during the pendency of this proceeding. Middlesex is making this request pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 and N.J.A.C. 1:1-12.6. Middlesex's Motion sets forth the law for receiving emergency relief, and applies the relevant facts to the law. For the reasons set forth in Middlesex's Motion, Rate Counsel does not object to the Motion's approval by the Board.

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