



September 16, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Carmen Diaz
Acting Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue
P.O. Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625

**Re: In the Matter of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’
Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
BPU Docket No. AO20060471**

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

This submission is respectfully made on behalf of Middlesex Water Company (“Middlesex” or “Company”) in compliance with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities’ (“Board”) July 20, 2022 Order Setting Comment Schedule (“July 20 Order”) in the above-referenced docket. In the July 20 Order, the Board seeks comment from New Jersey utilities and other interested parties on 13 questions regarding Regulatory Asset Cost recovery.

Middlesex joins with the comments submitted by the New Jersey Utilities Association (“NJUA”) in this docket on September 16, 2022 and adopts NJUA’s responses to the 13 questions raised in the July 20 Order as if fully set forth herein. Middlesex writes separately to respond individually to the first part of Question 1, which asks whether each utility has received any insurance payments or any federal or state funding that can be used to offset deferred expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each month, Middlesex files in this docket a monthly report detailing customer arrearage and assistance information. As of August 2022, per Middlesex’s most recent report filed on September 15, 2022, Middlesex has received \$17,413.21 through the Low-Income Home Water Assistance (“LIHWAP”) program for payment of arrearages on 27 customer accounts and \$2,712.54 through the federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program for payment of arrearages on 3 customer accounts. This is on a Year-To-Date basis for the period beginning October 1, 2021. Middlesex will continue to update its information on receipt of federal and state funding in future monthly reports to be filed in this docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay Kooper". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Jay L. Kooper

Vice President, General Counsel &
Secretary

cc: Service List (electronic only)