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November 4, 2022

Honorable Carmen Diaz Acting 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 the Application of Middlesex Water Company

For Authority to Issue and Sell up to \$300.0 Million of Principal

Amount Debt Securities BPU Docket No.: WF2211

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find Middlesex Water Company's Petition and supporting exhibits in the above-referenced matter.

This case may be summarized as a Petition for approval, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-7 and 48:3-9, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.9, to borrow up to \$300.0 million, in one or more negotiated private placement transactions, in order to fund portions of its estimated \$288.0 million Five-Year Capital Program and other funding requirements.

Please contact me at (732) 638-7506 or <u>jkooper@middlesexwater.com</u> with any questions or concerns with respect to this filing.

Very truly yours,

Jay Looper

Jay L. Kooper

Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Service List

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# In the Matter of the Application of Middlesex Water Company for Authority To Issue Up To \$300.0 Million of Debt Securities BPU Docket No. WF2211\_\_\_\_\_ ~ Service List A ~

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#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :
OF MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR :
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND SELL UP TO :
\$300.0 MILLION OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT :
DEBT SECURITIES :

: PETITION : Docket No. WF2211

#### TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Petitioner, MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner", "Middlesex", or the "Company"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey with its principal office located at 485C Route One South, Suite 400, Iselin, New Jersey 08830, states that:

- 1. Middlesex is a duly organized and existing public utility of the State of New Jersey, subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. Middlesex provides water services to approximately 61,000 retail customers, primarily in eastern Middlesex County, New Jersey and provides water under wholesale contracts to the City of Rahway, Townships of Edison and Marlboro, the Borough of Highland Park and the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority. Middlesex treats, stores and distributes water for residential, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes. Middlesex also provides water treatment and pumping services to the Township of East Brunswick under contract. Middlesex recorded revenues of approximately \$83.8 million in 2021.
- 2. The Middlesex System's retail customers are located in an area of approximately 55 square miles in Woodbridge Township, the City of South Amboy, the Boroughs of Metuchen and Carteret, portions of the Township of Edison and the Borough of South Plainfield in Middlesex County, and a portion of the Township of Clark in Union County. Retail customers include a mix of residential customers, large industrial concerns and commercial and light industrial facilities. These customers are located in generally well-developed areas of central New Jersey.

- 3. The contract customers of the Middlesex System comprise an area of approximately 146 square miles with a population of approximately 300,000. Contract sales to Edison, Old Bridge, Marlboro and Rahway are supplemental to the existing water systems of these customers. The Middlesex System provides treated surface water under long-term agreements to East Brunswick, Marlboro and Old Bridge.
- 4. Middlesex provides water service to approximately 300 customers in Cumberland County, New Jersey. This system is referred to as Bayview, and is not physically interconnected with the Middlesex System. The Company owns and operates water treatment, supply, transmission and distribution systems for these purposes. The Company also owns subsidiaries that provide utility and utility-related services in Southampton Township in Burlington County, and portions of Delaware and Pennsylvania.
- 5. To ensure the provision of safe and reliable water service to its customers, Middlesex continually plans for ongoing upgrades, replacements and improvements to its water system. These plans include preparation of a perpetual five-year capital infrastructure expenditure budget that is based on engineering assessments, system studies and government regulatory requirements. The current five-year program, known as Water for Tomorrow, projects that Middlesex will spend approximately \$288.0 million through the year 2026 to replace aging infrastructure, remain compliant with water quality requirements and enhance service. A summary of the Water for Tomorrow capital program is attached hereto as Exhibit I.
- 6. The funding of the projected \$288.0 million infrastructure investment will require a combination of funds generated from operations, debt financings and equity issuances in order to maintain a balanced capital structure to continue to attract investor interest. Board approval for issuing equity securities is not being sought in this matter
- 7. In summary, as more specifically set forth below, the Company seeks Board approval, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-7 and 48:3-9 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.9, to borrow up to \$300.0 million in one or more negotiated transactions in the form of notes and/or first mortgage bonds through loans from the New Jersey State Revolving Fund ("NJSRF") Program, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority ("NJEDA"), private placement and other financial institutions as needed in order to fund portions of its Water for Tomorrow capital program and other funding requirements. It is contemplated that the Company will issue debt securities in a series of one or more transaction offerings over a multi-year period

to accommodate the Company's construction timetable for the Water for Tomorrow capital program.

- 8. Middlesex expects that the form of debt security that should result in the most competitively attractive terms and interest rates are first mortgage bonds issued by the Company. Because market conditions, investor requirements and other factors may present more attractive financing terms at the time Middlesex is seeking to enter into a loan transaction, the Company will need the flexibility to issue the most appropriate form of debt security at the time of borrowing.
- 9. To evidence and secure the Company's obligation to repay the loans, the Company proposes to issue and deliver, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:3-7 and 48:3-9 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.9, up to \$300.0 million in the form of notes, first mortgage bonds and/or other debt securities through loans from the NJSRF Program, the NJEDA, private placement and other financial institutions as needed, with final maturity of each not to exceed 40 years from the date of issuance.
- 10. Therefore, the Company specifically petitions the Board for approval and authority:
- (a) To borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$300.0 million in loans from the NJSRF Program, the NJEDA, private placement and other financial institutions as needed in one or more negotiated transactions, and to make, execute and deliver to the one or more loan agreements therefor, and to make, execute and deliver to the placement agents one or more contracts of purchase in connection therewith, if necessary, as well as such other documents as are reasonably required to perform its obligations thereunder; and
- (b) To make, execute and deliver, if necessary, such Supplemental Indenture(s) of Mortgage ("Supplemental Indentures") to the Company's Indenture Trustee, for purpose among other things, of issuing and describing the terms and conditions of any first mortgage bonds issued in connection with borrowings under this Petition. Such Supplemental Indentures will, among other things, create and provide for the issuance of the various series of first mortgage bonds to be next designated under an Indenture of Mortgage, dated April 1, 1927, between the Company and United Counties Trust Company, as Trustee; as heretofore supplemented by a series of supplemental indentures issued, the first one dated

as of October 1, 1939; the most recent one (Fifty-Fifth Supplemental Indenture) dated as of November 1, 2021.

- 11. The Company proposes to use the proceeds of the above-referenced issuances to fund a part of the capital expenditures to be incurred in its Water For Tomorrow capital program for the upgrade, replacement and improvements to its water system.
- 12. As of June 30, 2022, the Company has outstanding shares of Common Stock of 40,000,000 shares authorized by its Restated Certificate of Incorporation. As of such date, it has of Preferred Stock, in four series, outstanding of shares authorized by its Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The book value of the Company's Common Stock as of June 30, 2022 was \$21.07 per share. The closing market price on June 30, 2022 was \$87.68 per share.
- 13. As of June 30, 2022, the capital stock of the Company is shown on Exhibit C attached hereto. The preferences and other characteristics of the Preferred Stock are also set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto. Dividends paid upon the capital stock of the Company are shown on Exhibit D attached hereto.
- 14. The principal amount of the Company's long-term indebtedness is set forth in Exhibit C annexed hereto. The Company had no other indebtedness at June 30, 2022 except as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 15. No franchise or right is proposed to be capitalized directly or indirectly in connection with the proposed transaction.
- 16. Except for the relief sought in this Petition, no other regulatory approvals are necessary in order to accomplish the proposed transaction.
- 17. The Company's Common Stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. The Company's current transfer agent is Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc., headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 18. Submitted herewith and made a part of this Petition are the following exhibits (including those exhibits previously referenced herein):
  - Exhibit A Balance Sheet at June 30, 2022.
  - Exhibit B Statement of Income
    Twelve months ended June 30, 2022.
  - Exhibit C Statement of Capital Stock and Long-Term Debt, June 30, 2022.

Exhibit D - Statement of Cash Flows

Twelve months ended June 30, 2022.

Exhibit E - Interest Charged to Income Upon Each Kind

of Indebtedness and Rate Thereon, Twelve months ended June 30, 2022.

Exhibit F - Form of Resolution of

the Company's Board of Directors.

Exhibit G - Proposed Form of Order.

Exhibit H - Proposed Timetable.

Exhibit I - Water for Tomorrow Capital Projects Summary

19. All correspondence in the case should be addressed to:

Jay L. Kooper Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Middlesex Water Company 485C Route One South, Suite 400 Iselin, New Jersey 08830

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WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board approve and authorize Petitioner to:

- a. Borrow up to \$300.0 million and make, execute and deliver to the such loan agreements therefor and to make, execute and deliver to the placement agent as may be selected by negotiation, such contracts of purchase in connection therewith, if necessary, as well as such other documents as are reasonably required to perform its obligations thereunder; and
- b. Make, execute and deliver, if necessary, such Supplemental Indentures of Mortgage to the Company's Indenture Trustee or other such securitization as needed; and
- c. Obtain the relief requested in subparagraphs (a) through (b) of this section herein without the requirement of a further Board Order as to pricing; and
  - d. Obtain such other relief as the Board determines is just and proper.

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

Jay Loper

By:

Jay L. Kooper

Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

Dated: November 4, 2022

# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES BALANCE SHEET

#### **ASSETS**

	June 30, 2022
UTILITY PLANT	
Utility Plant in Service	\$ 1,043,735,425
Construction Work in Progress	41,974,188
TOTAL	1,085,709,613
Less Accumulated Depreciation	223,748,662
UTILITY PLANT NET	861,960,951
NONUTILITY PROPERTY NET	5,398,102
OTHER INVESTMENTS	5,755,790
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,320,450
Accounts Receivable	14,628,990
Materials and Supplies (at average cost)	5,707,162
Prepayments	4,074,761
Accrued Unbilled Revenues	10,288,640
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	39,020,003
DEFERRED DEBITS:	
Unamortized Debt Expense	5,119,484
Operating Lease Right of Use Assets	4,160,614
Regulatory Assets	102,022,664
Preliminary Survey & Investigation Charges	2,638,513
Other Deferred Debits	91,389
TOTAL DEFERRED DEBITS	114,032,664
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,026,167,510

# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES BALANCE SHEET

#### CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

	June 30, 2022
CAPITALIZATION	
Common Equity:	
Common Stock	\$ 229,037,299
Retained Earnings	156,530,593
TOTAL COMMON EQUITY	385,567,892
Cumulative Preferred Stock	2,083,565
Long Term Debt	310,530,304
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION	698,181,761
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	7,814,126
Accounts Payable	24,248,868
Notes Payable	27,500,000
Customer Deposits	465,095
Taxes Accrued	12,514,181
Interest Accrued	2,155,454
Unearned Revenues and Advanced Services	1,494,742
Dividends Declared	28,341
Other Current Liabilities	2,608,729
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	78,829,536
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	
DEFERRED CREDITS:	
Customer Advances for Construction	22,918,602
Lease Obligations	4,035,538
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	74,470,865
Postretirement Costs	9,143,009
Regulatory Liabilities	29,450,328
Other Deferred Credits	887,859
TOTAL DEFERRED CREDITS	140,906,201
INJURIES AND DAMAGE RESERVE	192,564
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION	108,057,448
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITALIZATION	\$ 1,026,167,510

# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

#### **ASSETS**

	Jı	ine 30, 2022
UTILITY PLANT		
Utility Plant in Service	\$	722,816,760
Construction Work in Progress	Ψ	29,536,824
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TOTAL		752,353,584
Less Accumulated Depreciation		162,982,555
UTILITY PLANT NET		589,371,029
NONUTILITY PROPERTY NET		45,316
OTHER INVESTMENTS		3,643,431
INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY		94,547,459
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		203,195
Accounts Receivable		14,753,211
Materials and Supplies (at average cost)		5,139,509
Prepayments		3,694,271
Notes Receivable - Intercompany		7,056,649
Accrued Unbilled Revenues		7,011,321
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		37,858,156
DEFERRED DEBITS:		
Unamortized Debt Expense		4,837,440
Operating Lease Right of Use Assets		4,160,614
Regulatory Assets		98,256,304
Preliminary Survey & Investigation Charges		2,012,851
Other Deferred Debits		69,137
TOTAL DEFERRED DEBITS		109,336,346
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	834,801,737

# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

### CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

	J	une 30, 2022
CAPITALIZATION		
Common Equity:		
Common Stock	\$	229,037,299
Retained Earnings		156,530,593
TOTAL COMMON EQUITY		385,567,892
Cumulative Preferred Stock		2,083,565
Long Term Debt		258,569,329
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION		646,220,786
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current Portion of Long Term Debt		4,145,370
Accounts Payable		14,027,649
Notes Payable		21,500,000
Customer Deposits		86,299
Taxes Accrued		12,953,055
Interest Accrued		1,868,992
Dividends Declared		28,341
Other Current Liabilities		2,008,860
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		56,618,566
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
DEFERRED CREDITS:		
Customer Advances for Construction		2,318,860
Lease Obligations		4,035,538
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes		71,206,844
Postretirement Benefits		9,143,009
Regulatory Liabilities		24,215,596
Other Deferred Credits		899,760
TOTAL DEFERRED CREDITS		111,819,607
INJURIES AND DAMAGE RESERVE		40,296
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION		20,102,482
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITALIZATION	\$	834,801,737

### **Exhibit B**

### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 91,969,577
OPERATIONS: Operations & Maintenance Depreciation Taxes, other than Income Taxes Federal Income Taxes	46,595,232 16,826,757 14,517,223 (7,561,628)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	70,377,584
OPERATING INCOME	 21,591,993
OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE): Allowance for Funds Used During Construction - Equity Other - net	 593,680 23,404,723
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST CHARGES	45,590,396
INTEREST CHARGES: Interest on Long-term Debt Amortization of Premium/Debt Expense, net Allowance for Funds Used During Construction - Debt Other Interest Charges	 6,260,875 (187,129) (403,112) 238,791
TOTAL INTEREST CHARGES	 5,909,425
NET INCOME	39,680,971
Preferred Stock Dividend Requirements	 120,000
Earnings Applicable to Common Stock	\$ 39,560,971
Earning per Share	\$ 2.26
Average Number of Shares Outstanding	17,530,526

### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF CAPITAL STOCK AND LONG-TERM DEBT

	J	une 30, 2022
CAPITALIZATION:		
Common Stock, No Par Value		
Shares Authorized - 40,000,000		
Shares Outstanding - 17,604,122		
TOTAL COMMON STOCK	\$	229,037,299
Cumulative Preferred Stock, No Par Value		
Shares Authorized - 125,970		
Shares Outstanding - 23,357		
Convertible:		
Shares Outstanding, \$7.00 Series - 9,573		1,005,165
Nonredeemable:		
Shares Outstanding, \$7.00 Series - 784		78,400
Shares Outstanding, \$4.75 Series - 10,000		1,000,000
TOTAL CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK	\$	2,083,565
Long-term Debt:		
First Mortgage Bonds:		
0.00%, Series EE, due August 1, 2023	\$	589,081
3.00% to 5.50%, Series FF, due August 1, 2024		1,275,000
0.00%, Series GG, due August 1, 2026		441,711
4.00% to 5.00%, Series HH, due August 1, 2026		530,000
0.00%, Series II, due August 1, 2024		238,864
3.40% to 5.00%, Series JJ, due August 1, 2027		411,000
0.00%, Series KK, due August 1, 2028		617,441
5.00% to 5.50%, Series LL, due August 1, 2028		760,000
0.00%, Series MM, due August 1, 2030		803,202
3.00% to 4.375%, Series NN, due August 1, 2030		1,015,000
0.00%, Series OO, due August 1, 2031		1,454,915
2.00% to 5.00%, Series PP, due August 1, 2031		555,000
5.00%, Series QQ, due October 1, 2023		9,915,000
0.00%, Series TT, due August 1, 2032		1,605,424
3.00% to 3.25%, Series UU, due August 1, 2032		655,000
0.00%, Series VV, due August 1, 2033		1,670,067
3.00% to 5.00%, Series WW, due August 1, 2033		675,000
0.00%, Series XX, due August 1, 2047		9,741,083
3.00% to 5.00%, Series YY, due August 1, 2047		3,630,000
0.00%, Series 2018A, due August 1, 2047		5,928,268
3.00% to 5.00%, Series 2018B, due August 1, 2047		2,230,000
4.00% Series 2019A, due August 1, 2059		32,500,000
5.00% Series 2019B, due August 1, 2059		21,200,000
2.90% Series 2020A, due November 18, 2050		40,000,000
2.90% Series 2021B, due November 3, 2051		45,500,000
2.79% Series 2021A, due November 5, 2041		19,500,000
2.70% to 3.03% Series 2022A, due August 1, 2056		16,230,000
0.00% Series 2022B, due August 1, 2056		35,970,735
SUBTOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT		255,641,792
Add: Premium on Issuance of Long-term Debt		7,072,907
Less: Current Portion of Long-term Debt		(4,145,370)
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	\$	258,569,329

#### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net Income	\$ 39,680,971
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	16,826,757
Provision for Deferred Income Taxes	(10,895,348)
Equity Portion of AFUDC	(593,680)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	(9,593,967)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	35,424,733
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Utility Plant Expenditures	(49,559,487)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(49,559,487)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Redemption of Long Term Debt	(48,768,027)
Proceeds from the Issuance of Long Term Debt	65,069,274
Short-term Bank Borrowings (Net)	6,500,000
Deferred Debt Issuance Expenses	(1,046,761)
Proceeds from Issuance of Common Stock	10,281,400
Notes Receivable, Intercompany	919,619
Payment of Common Dividends	(20,028,590)
Payment of Preferred Dividends	(120,000)
Customer Advances & Contributions-Net	 359
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	 12,807,274
NET CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,327,479)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	 1,530,674
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 203,195

**Exhibit E** 

### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

### INTEREST CHARGED TO INCOME UPON EACH KIND OF INDEBTEDNESS AND RATE THEREON TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT	% RATE	\$ AMOUNT	
Einst Mantagas Danda			
First Mortgage Bonds:	4.000/ 5.000/	¢ (02	1)
State Revolving Trust Bond, due August 1, 2021	4.00%-5.00%	\$ (82	1)
State Revolving Fund Bond, due August 1, 2021	0.00%	-	
Series BB, due August 1, 2021	0.00%	1 06	1
Series CC, due August 1, 2021	4.00%-5.00%	4,86	4
Series EE, due August 1, 2023	0.00%	- 25 40	
Series FF, due August 1, 2024	3.00%-5.50%	35,49	3
Series GG, due August 1, 2026	0.00%	24.24	1
Series H., due August 1, 2026	4.00%-5.00%	24,34	1
Series II, due August 1, 2024	0.00%	10.20	_
Series JJ, due August 1, 2027	3.40%-5.00%	19,28	3
Series KK, due August 1, 2028	0.00%	24.06	
Series LL, due August 1, 2028	5.00%-5.50%	34,96	9
Series MM, due August 1, 2030	0.00%	-	
Series NN, due August 1, 2030	3.00%-4.375%	39,56	2
Series OO, due August 1, 2031	0.00%	-	_
Series PP, due August 1, 2031	2.00%-5.00%	19,20	
Series QQ, due October 1, 2023	5.00%	495,75	
Series RR, due October 1, 2038	3.80%	163,87	
Series SS, due October 1, 2047	4.25%	336,69	4
Series TT, due August 1, 2032	0.00%	-	
Series UU, due August 1, 2032	3.00%-3.25%	20,43	3
Series VV, due August 1, 2033	0.00%	-	
Series WW, due August 1, 2033	3.00%-5.00%	26,26	3
Series XX, due August 1, 2047	0.00%	-	
Series YY, due August 1, 2047	3.00%-5.00%	125,38	3
Series 2018A, due August 1, 2047	0.00%	-	
Series 2018B, due August 1, 2047	3.00%-5.00%	88,65	2
Series 2019A, due August 1, 2059	4.00%	1,300,00	0
Series 2019B, due August 1, 2059	5.00%	1,060,00	0
Series 2020A, due November 18, 2050	2.90%	1,160,00	0
Series 2021A, due November 5, 2041	2.79%	865,00	6
Series 2021B, due November 3, 2051	2.90%	356,65	5
Series 2022A, due August 1, 2056	2.70%-3.03%	75,10	3
Series 2022B, due August 1, 2056	0.00%	-	
Construction Loans	0.00%	10,16	6
		6,260,87	
OTHER INTEREST EXPENSE			
Interest on Short-Debt		226,55	1
Other Interest		12,23	0
		238,79	1
TOTAL INTEREST CHARGED TO INCOME UPON	INDEBTEDNESS	\$ 6,499,66	6

# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS JULY 20, 2022

Following a full and thorough discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water Company:

RESOLVED, that the proper Officers of the Company be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to issue one or more Series of the Company's First Mortgage Bonds or other debt instruments to fund the proposed multi-year capital expenditures program up to the sum of \$300,000,000; and further

RESOLVED, that the proper Officers of the Company be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to issue and deliver up to \$300,000,000 in the form of notes, first mortgage bonds and/or other debt securities through a negotiated, private placement with one or more insurance companies and/or one or more financial institutions, as needed; and further

RESOLVED, that the Company through its proper Officers be, and it is hereby authorized and directed to file with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) a Petition or, if necessary, multiple Petitions for approval of such transactions by the BPU in order to accomplish such purposes; and further

RESOLVED, that in addition to filing a Petition with the BPU, the Company through its proper Officers is hereby authorized and directed to retain outside legal counsel and select an underwriter to manage and place the First Mortgage Bonds to be issued in connection with such transaction and to take other such steps and requirements; and further

RESOLVED, the Company through its proper Officers is hereby authorized and directed to retain outside legal counsel and select a counter party to negotiate the private placement of the First Mortgage Bonds to be issued in connection with such transaction and to take such other steps and requirements; and further

RESOLVED, that the proper Officers of the Company be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary or advisable to carry out and fully perform the obligations of the Company arising out of or in connection with such transactions.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water Company on July 20, 2022.

Jay/L. Kooper

Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	ORDER OF APPROVAL
OF MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR	)	<b>AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE</b>
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND SELL UP TO	)	OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
\$300.0 MILLION OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	)	DEBT SECURITIES
DEBT SECURITIES	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. WF2211

Jay L. Kooper, Esq., Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Middlesex Water Company

Brian O. Lipman, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel

#### BY THE BOARD:

Middlesex Water Company ("Middlesex" or "Petitioner" or "the Company"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey, by petition filed with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") on November 4, 2022, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-7, 48:3-9 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.9, requests authority:

- a) To borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$300.0 million in one or more negotiated transactions in the form of notes and/or first mortgage bonds through loans from the New Jersey State Revolving Fund ("NJSRF") Program, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority ("NJEDA"), private placement and other financial institutions as needed in one or more negotiated transactions, and to make, execute and deliver to the one or more loan agreements therefor, and to make, execute and deliver to the placement agent one or more contracts of purchase in connection therewith, if necessary, as well as such other documents as are reasonably required to perform its obligations thereunder; and
- b) To make, execute and deliver one or more Supplemental Indentures of Mortgage ("Supplemental Indentures") to the Company's Indenture Trustee, for purpose among other things, of issuing and describing the terms and conditions of the Company's First Mortgage Bonds ("Company First Mortgage Bonds").

Petitioner, to ensure the continued provision of safe and reliable water service to its customers, continuously plans for ongoing upgrades, replacements and improvements to its water system. These plans include preparation of a perpetual five-year capital infrastructure expenditure budget that is based on its engineering assessments, system studies and government regulatory requirements. The current five-year program, known as Water For Tomorrow, projects that Middlesex will spend approximately \$288.0 million through the year 2026 to replace aging infrastructure, remain complaint with water quality requirements, and enhance service. The funding of Middlesex's projected \$288.0 million infrastructure investment will require a combination of funds generated from operations, debt financing and equity investments in order to maintain a balanced capital structure to continue to attract investor interest.

Therefore, the Company proposes as part of this overall plan to borrow up to \$300.0 million, in one or more negotiated transactions in the form of notes and/or first mortgage bonds through loans from the NJSRF Program, the NJEDA, private placement and other financial institutions as needed in order to fund portions of its Water For Tomorrow program. It is contemplated that the Company will issue debt securities in a series of one or more transaction offerings over a multi-year period to accommodate the Company construction timetable for the Water For Tomorrow program.

The Company expects that the form of debt security that should result in the most competitively attractive terms and interest rates are first mortgage bonds issued by the Company. Because market conditions, investor requirements and other factors may present more attractive financing terms at the time Middlesex is seeking to enter into a loan transaction, the Company will need the flexibility to issue the most appropriate form of debt security at the time of borrowing.

To evidence and secure the Company's obligation to repay the loans, the Company proposes to issue and deliver, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:3-5.9 and 48:3-9 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.9, up to \$300.0 million in the form of notes, first mortgage bonds and/or other debt securities through through loans from the NJSRF Program, the NJEDA, private placement and other financial institutions, as needed, with final maturity of each not to exceed 40 years from the date of issuance.

The Board, after investigation, having considered the record and exhibits submitted in this proceeding, being satisfied with the action proposed to be taken by Petitioner as indicated above and finding that the proposed transactions are to be made in accordance with law, are in the public interest, and approving the purposes thereof, <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> that Petitioner be and is <u>HEREBY AUTHORIZED</u> to:

- a) Borrow up \$300.0 million in loans from the NJSRF Program, the NJEDA, private placement and other financial institutions as needed in one or more negotiated transactions, and to make, execute and deliver to the one or more loan agreements therefor, and to make, execute and deliver to the placement agents one or more contracts of purchase in connection therewith, if necessary, as well as such other documents as are reasonably required to perform its obligations thereunder; and
- b) Make, execute and deliver such Supplemental Indentures of Mortgage to the Company's Indenture Trustee or other such securitization as needed; and
- c) Obtain the relief requested in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this section herein without the requirement of a further Board Order as to pricing; and
- d) Obtain such other relief as the Board determines is just and proper.

This Order is issued subject to the following provisions:

This Order shall not be construed as directly or indirectly fixing for any purpose whatsoever any value of the tangible or intangible assets now owned or hereafter to be owned by the Petitioner; nor as certifying that the securities authorized to be issued and sold will be represented by tangible or intangible assets of commensurate value or investment cost.

- 2) This Order shall not affect nor in any way limit the exercise of the authority of this Board or of this State, in any future petition or in any proceedings with respect to rates, franchises, service, financing (including method of sale of securities), accounting, capitalization, depreciation, or in any other matters affecting the Petitioner.
- 3) Petitioner shall submit a schedule indicating complete details of the issuance costs no later than sixty (60) days following the closing date for these transactions.
- 4) Petitioner shall furnish the Board with copies of the executed Supplemental Indentures.
- 5) The Bonds herein authorized to be issued shall not be redeemed at a premium, prior to maturity, without further Board approval.
- 6) The authority granted in this Order shall become null and void and of no effect with respect to any portion which is not exercised on or before December 31, 2025.

Dated:	Board of Public Utilities By:  Joseph L. Fiordaliso President				
	Dianne Solomon Commissioner				
	Robert M. Gordon Commissioner				
	Dr. Zenon Christodoulou Commissioner				
	Attest:				
Carmen D. Diaz Acting Board Secretary					

## IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE UP TO \$300.0 MILLION OF DEBT SECURITIES

## Proposed Timetable To Issue Debt Through the Private Placement Market

**Month One -** Middlesex files a debt financing petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU). Middlesex initiates discussions and qualification procedures with banks, other financial institutions, mutual funds, insurance companies and/or pension funds (collectively, Qualified Investors).

**Month Four** – NJBPU issues Order approving petition to issue long-term debt through the private placement market. Middlesex invites Qualified Investors to submit pricing term sheet that includes all the financial elements to develop alternative debt interest rate based on the maturity date of borrowing.

# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE \$300.0 MILLION OF DEBT SECURITIES WATER FOR TOMORROW CAPITAL PROGRAM

		Budget 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	5 Year Budget
Item 1 Distribution System							
1.1 Projects-Developer Adv	ranced (CAC)	\$630,000	\$475,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,105,000
1.2 Projects-Fully Funded b	y Others (CIAC)	\$637,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$637,000
1.3 Projects-Distribution Co	ompany Funded	\$7,603,500	\$16,603,000	\$10,556,500	\$17,245,000	\$28,128,025	\$80,136,025
1.4 RENEW Program		\$10,700,000	\$11,400,000	\$11,350,000	\$11,200,000	\$10,600,000	\$55,250,000
1.5 Blanket-T&D Mains &	Valves	\$2,147,000	\$2,189,940	\$2,233,739	\$1,477,917	\$1,507,475	\$9,556,071
1.6 Blanket-Service Lines		\$2,051,000	\$2,092,020	\$2,133,860	\$2,176,538	\$2,220,068	\$10,673,486
1.7 Blanket-Hydrants		\$1,525,000	\$1,631,000	\$1,248,000	\$1,272,960	\$1,298,419	\$6,975,379
1.8 Blanket-Meters		\$2,865,000	\$3,017,500	\$1,600,000	\$1,685,000	\$1,782,000	\$10,949,500
1.9 Blanket-Meter Installati	ons	\$2,550,000	\$7,682,500	\$7,810,000	\$7,940,000	\$8,070,000	\$34,052,500
Subtotal Item 1 Distribution Sys	stem	\$30,708,500	\$45,090,960	\$36,932,099	\$42,997,415	\$53,605,988	\$209,334,962
Item 2 Production System							
2.1 Projects-Source of Supp	ly	\$60,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$460,000
2.2 Projects-Pumping and T		\$26,805,000	\$15,675,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,935,000	\$46,515,000
2.3 Projects-Remote Station	l	\$1,035,000	\$400,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,585,000
2.4 Blanket-Pumping Equip	ment	\$190,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$790,000
2.5 Blanket-Water Treatmen	nt Equipment	\$338,750	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$738,750
2.6 Blanket-Production Stru	ictures	\$139,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$339,000
2.7 Blanket-Wells		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal Item 2 Production Syst</b>	tem	\$28,567,750	\$16,775,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,300,000	\$2,235,000	\$50,427,750
Item 3 Transportation Blanket							
3.1 Blanket Transportation	- Auto	\$428,000	\$185,000	\$66,000	\$238,000	\$428,000	\$1,345,000
3.2 Blanket Transportation	- Truck	\$522,500	\$157,500	\$442,000	\$375,000	\$250,000	\$1,747,000
3.3 Blanket Transportation	- Power Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$65,000	\$110,000	\$325,000
Subtotal Item 3 Transportation	Blanket	\$950,500	\$342,500	\$658,000	\$678,000	\$788,000	\$3,417,000
Item 4 Computer Systems							
4.1 Blanket Computer Hard		\$178,800	\$152,700	\$157,700	\$152,300	\$144,500	\$786,000
4.1 Blanket Computer Softv	vare Blanket	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
4.2 Blanket-ERP Improvem	ents	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
4.3 Blanket-GIS Improvement	ents	\$95,000	\$30,000	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$75,000	\$295,000
4.4 Projects-IT		\$69,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,600
4.5 Projects - ERP Related		\$3,000,000	\$700,000	\$1,500,000	\$700,000	\$1,500,000	\$7,400,000
Subtotal Item 4 Computer Sytem	ms	\$3,473,400	\$1,012,700	\$1,862,700	\$1,002,300	\$1,849,500	\$9,200,600
Item 5 Security/Vulnerability M	litigation						
5.1 Projects-Security / Vule	rnability Mititgation Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Item 5 Security / Vulne	erability Mitigation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Item 6 General Equipment & Pl	lant						
6.1 Blanket-General Equipm		\$459,700	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$659,700
6.2 Blanket-General Equipm	nent -Furniture	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
6.3 Blanket-General Equipm	nent -Lab Equipment	\$66,700	\$20,000	\$127,850	\$3,300	\$2,850	\$220,700
6.4 Blanket-General Structu	res & Other	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$80,000
6.5 Projects-General Structu	ares & Other	\$575,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,075,000
Subtotal Item 6 General Equipment & Plant		\$1,111,400	\$3,100,000	\$6,707,850	\$83,300	\$82,850	\$11,085,400
Item 7 Tank Painting & Improv	rements						
7.1 Tank Painting & Improv	vements	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,500,000
Subtotal Item 7 Tank Painting &	& Improvements	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,500,000
Grand Total		\$64,811,550	\$68,321,160	\$50,210,649	\$46,061,015	\$58,561,338	\$287,965,712

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

SS:

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX:

ROBERT J. CAPKO, being duly sworn according to law upon his oath, deposes and says that he is the Corporate Controller of Middlesex Water Company; that he has read the foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof; that the facts therein stated and the allegations therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief; that it is the intention of the said Middlesex Water Company in good faith to use the proceeds of the securities sought to be issued by it as set forth in the foregoing Petition for the purposes therein stated; that he is familiar with the finances of Middlesex Water Company and with the present market for securities; and that in his opinion the terms and conditions of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable to the Company.

Robert J. Capko

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

(Notary)

SELENA MONTERO
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
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My Commission Expires 12/28/2023