

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL TO
CHANGE THE LEVELS OF ITS PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE ("PWAC")
OAL Docket No. PUC 10953-2020S
BPU Docket No. WR20110722**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 19, 2020, Middlesex Water Company (the "Company"), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 et seq., filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") of the State of New Jersey for approval to implement a Purchased Water Adjustment Clause ("PWAC"). Through the PWAC, the Company recovers its costs for purchasing water from suppliers, including recovery of increased purchased water costs, deferred costs, PWAC rate case expenses, and associated gross receipts and franchise taxes. The proposed rates would increase annual revenues by \$489,922 or by 0.59%. The increase provides no profit to the Company. The Company believes that this increase is necessary in order for it to be able to provide safe, adequate and proper service to its customers and to prevent the impairment of financial integrity as set forth in the petition and exhibits filed in this matter.

The Company is proposing a purchase water adjustment clause charge to recover the increase purchased water costs. The proposed rates for those customers impacted by the rate increase are contained in the tariff sheets and petition filed with the Board and covered under the following tariffs:

		<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
• Rate Schedule No. 1:	General Water Service (GS) (Tariff Sheet 33A)	\$0.6024	\$1.0594 per thousand cubic feet
• Rate Schedule No. 5:	Service Under Contract (SC) (Tariff Sheet 40A)	\$30.86	\$54.28 per million gallons

AN AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER USING 2,300 CUBIC FEET (17,204 GALLONS) OF WATER PER QUARTER WILL SEE HIS/HER BILL INCREASE FROM \$154.27 TO \$155.32 AN INCREASE OF \$1.05 PER QUARTER, OR APPROXIMATELY 0.68%.

Any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers of the Company in such manner and, in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may choose to impose a greater portion of the increase on any present or future class or classes, group or groups of customers, may exclude from any increase any of the foregoing, or may vary the amount of percentage increase applicable to any of the foregoing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a virtual public hearing on the Company's petition has been scheduled for February 25, 2021 beginning at 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm on the following Zoom platform:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://state-nj-oal-us.zoom.us/j/84977521163?pwd=bnphek9LTGhHZU1HeG1tQTNGY1BiUT09>

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An Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Law will preside over the public hearing. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Whether or not you attend the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to Hon. Jacob S. Gertsman, ALJ, Office of Administrative Law, P.O. Box 049, Trenton, NJ 08625-0049 and/or Hon. Aida Camacho Welch, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Please include OAL Docket

No. PUC 10953-2020S and BPU Docket No. WR20110722 in your comment letter. Written and emailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

The complete schedules for the proposed rates are part of the petition filed with the Board, which was served upon the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel. The petition was also served on the Clerks of the Municipalities and on the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders in the service area of the Company pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2, and a copy of this Notice will also be served on such Clerks. Further information and copies of the petition may be obtained at the Board's offices located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 or at the Company's offices located at 485C Route 1 South, Suite 400, Iselin, New Jersey 08830. The petition, testimony, and all attachments are also available for public inspection on the Company's website at <http://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/regulatory>.

Please submit any requests for special accommodations at least 72 hours prior to this hearing to the Company's Counsel, Jay L. Kooper, Esq., at 485C Route 1 South, Suite 400, Iselin, NJ 08830, phone 732-634-1500.

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