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*Celebrating 120 Years of  
Water Service Excellence*

**NASDAQ:MSEX**

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

I am pleased to report that on October 24, 2017 your Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.22375 per common share on MSEX common stock. This raises the annual dividend rate to \$0.895 from \$0.845 per share, an increase of 5.9%, and is payable on December 1, 2017 to shareholders of record as of November 9, 2017. This represents the **45<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of dividend increases in your company's history**. Middlesex Water has paid cash dividends continually since 1912.

We announced third quarter financial results on November 2, 2017. For the three months ended September 30, 2017, consolidated operating revenues were \$36.2 million, compared to \$37.8 million for the same period in 2016. Net income for the quarter was \$7.6 million, as compared to \$8.8 reported in the same quarter of 2016. Earnings per basic and diluted share for the quarter were \$0.47 and \$0.46 respectively, compared to \$0.54, for the same period in 2016. Weather was a significant factor impacting third quarter results as unfavorable weather patterns in the summer months contributed to lower outdoor water consumption across various customer classes.

On October 10, 2017 Middlesex Water filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for a general increase in water rates for its Middlesex system in New Jersey. The Company filed the request seeking recovery of \$92 million in investments made to drinking water infrastructure since our last rate request filing in 2015.

To stay informed about company SEC filings, news releases or to receive an end-of-day stock quote, please subscribe to our Investor Email Alerts service, also found on our Investor Relations site at <http://investors.middlesexwater.com>. For additional company information, please visit our Facebook and Twitter sites via links directly on our website home page at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com).

You can create an account or review and manage your existing account information on our shareholder services portal of our transfer agent, Broadridge Corporate Solutions (Broadridge) by visiting <http://shareholder.broadridge.com/middlesexwater>. This site contains Forms, Answers to Frequently Asked Questions and other helpful company information. Should you have any questions about your MSEX investment, please contact the Broadridge Call Center at 1-888-211-0641.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Officers and employees of the Middlesex Water family of companies, we thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dennis W. Doll'.

Dennis W. Doll  
Chairman, President and CEO