



NASDAQ:MSEX

Common Dividend Declared

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

Middlesex Water Company is pleased to report that your Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.21125, payable on March 1, 2017 to shareholders of record as of February 13, 2017. We are proud of our record of paying cash dividends continually since 1912 and our 44-year record of consecutive annual dividend increases.

Middlesex Water is embarking on a multi-year infrastructure investment effort to help further ensure greater safety, reliability and resiliency throughout our water distribution system in New Jersey. This \$160 million capital campaign, which we are calling “Water For Tomorrow,” will include several short- and long-term projects including treatment plant upgrades, added storage capacity, the replacement of aging infrastructure and the construction of a new major transmission main.

In mid-April, we anticipate mailing proxy material notices for the upcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 23, 2017 at our Company headquarters. These notices provide information on how to view our Proxy and Annual Report online. Shareholders can view news releases regarding our financial results at any time in the Investor Relations section of our website at <http://investors.middlesexwater.com>. To receive email notification of company documents, news releases or receive an end-of-day stock quote, please subscribe to our Investor Email Alerts service, also found on our Investor Relations site. For additional company information, please visit our Facebook and Twitter sites via links directly on our website home page.

We invite you to 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 all Employees of the Middlesex Water family of companies, we appreciate and deeply value your continued support and confidence.

Sincerely,

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

Dennis W. Doll
Chairman, President and CEO