#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

#### FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 þ For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

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TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE S	ECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from	to
Commission File Number	0-422
	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE S  For the transition period from  Commission File Number

### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New Jersey** (State of incorporation)

22-1114430 (IRS employer identification no.)

#### 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

#### (732) 634-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

during the preceding 12 m	nonths (or	for such shorter	period that	t the registrant	was required	to file such reports)	, and (2) has been	subject to such filin
requirements for the past 9	0 days.							
				Yes þ	No □			
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post files).

Yes b No □ Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. Non-accelerated filer  $\square$ Large accelerated filer  $\square$ Accelerated filer b Smaller reporting company  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes 🗆

The number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of October 31, 2014: Common Stock, No Par Value: 16,111,268 shares outstanding.

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## MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

(In thousands except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30, N 2014 2013					e Months End 2014	September 30, 2013		
Operating Revenues	\$	32,669	\$	31,285	\$	89,032	\$	87,424	
Operating Expenses:									
Operations and Maintenance		14,956		15,120		44,957		45,698	
Depreciation		2,880		2,772		8,532		8,205	
Other Taxes		3,213		3,123		9,210		9,215	
Total Operating Expenses		21,049		21,015		62,699		63,118	
Operating Income		11,620		10,270		26,333		24,306	
Other Income (Expense):									
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		80		104		213		230	
Other Income		49		27		195		124	
Other Expense		(44)		(1)		(218)		(21)	
Total Other Income, net		85		130		190		333	
Interest Charges		1,516		1,541		4,134		4,234	
Income before Income Taxes		10,189		8,859		22,389		20,405	
Income Taxes		3,431		3,052		7,735		6,940	
Net Income		6,758		5,807		14,654		13,465	
Preferred Stock Dividend Requirements		36		44		115		147	
Earnings Applicable to Common Stock	\$	6,722	\$	5,763	\$	14,539	\$	13,318	
Earnings per share of Common Stock:									
Basic	\$	0.42	\$	0.36	\$	0.91	\$	0.84	
Diluted	\$	0.42	\$	0.36	\$	0.90	\$	0.83	
Average Number of									
Common Shares Outstanding :									
Basic		16,097		15,882		16,030		15,839	
Diluted		16,253		16,117		16,211		16,093	
Cash Dividends Paid per Common Share	\$	0.1900	\$	0.1875	\$	0.5700	\$	0.5625	
See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.									
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# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited) (In thousands)

September 30, December 31, **ASSETS** 2014 2013 **UTILITY PLANT:** Water Production 136,170 132,834 Transmission and Distribution 366,966 359,931 General 57,744 55,670 Construction Work in Progress 11,142 8,410 TOTAL 572,022 556,845 Less Accumulated Depreciation 115,492 110,366 UTILITY PLANT - NET 456,530 446,479 **CURRENT ASSETS:** Cash and Cash Equivalents 5,052 4,834 Accounts Receivable, net 11,153 11,640 Unbilled Revenues 7,427 5,652 Materials and Supplies (at average cost) 2,138 1,984 Prepayments 2,981 1,728 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 28,751 25,838 **DEFERRED CHARGES Unamortized Debt Expense** 3,451 3,526 AND OTHER ASSETS: 2,781 Preliminary Survey and Investigation Charges 4,728 Regulatory Assets 34,023 34,386 Operations Contracts, Developer and Other Receivables 2,744 3,587 Restricted Cash 3,438 2,473 Non-utility Assets - Net 9,254 9,440 683 Other 727 TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES AND OTHER ASSETS 57,217 58.024 TOTAL ASSETS \$ 542,498 \$ 530,341 CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES CAPITALIZATION: Common Stock, No Par Value 148,186 146,185 47,977 **Retained Earnings** 42,560 TOTAL COMMON EQUITY 196,163 188,745 Preferred Stock 2,436 2,886 Long-term Debt 129,170 129,798 TOTAL CAPITALIZATION 327,769 321,429 **CURRENT** Current Portion of Long-term Debt 5,634 5,386 LIABILITIES: Notes Payable 30,500 28,450 Accounts Payable 7,193 6,328 10,563 Accrued Taxes 8,132 Accrued Interest 431 1,151 Unearned Revenues and Advanced Service Fees 852 837 1,518 2,394 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 56,691 52,678 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Note 7) DEFERRED CREDITS **Customer Advances for Construction** 21,336 21,837 AND OTHER LIABILITIES: Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credits 930 989 Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes 41,254 39,110 **Employee Benefit Plans** 18,708 21,335 Regulatory Liability - Cost of Utility Plant Removal 10,044 9,639 Other 1,322 1,348 TOTAL DEFERRED CREDITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES 93,594 94,258 61,976 CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION 64,444 TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES \$ 542,498 530,341

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

# MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Nine Months 2014	September 30, 2013		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net Income	\$ 14,6	54 \$	13,465	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to				
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:				
Depreciation and Amortization	9,0		8,833	
Provision for Deferred Income Taxes and Investment Tax Credits	2,1		2,536	
Equity Portion of Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)	•	38)	(149)	
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance		81)	(174)	
Stock Compensation Expense	4	30	357	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:				
Accounts Receivable		87	135	
Unbilled Revenues	(1,7		(1,510)	
Materials & Supplies	•	54)	(585)	
Prepayments	(1,2		(436)	
Accounts Payable Accrued Taxes		67	566	
Accrued Interest	2,4		(42)	
		20)	(513)	
Employee Benefit Plans Unearned Revenue and Advanced Service Fees	(2,7		(1,033)	
Other Assets and Liabilities	(1,0	15	(1)	
Other Assets and Liabilities	(1,0	02)	(284)	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	22,4	39	21,165	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			(1.1.=0=)	
Utility Plant Expenditures, Including AFUDC of \$75 in 2014, \$81 in 2013	(15,7		(14,585)	
Restricted Cash		65)	(360)	
Distribution From / (Investment in) Joint Venture	7	82	(1,205)	
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(15,9	66)	(16,150)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Redemption of Long-term Debt	(4,6	78)	(10,440)	
Proceeds from Issuance of Long-term Debt	4,3		3,987	
Net Short-term Bank Borrowings	2,0	50	2,500	
Deferred Debt Issuance Expense		69)	(55)	
Restricted Cash		_	6,070	
Proceeds from Issuance of Common Stock	1,1		1,257	
Payment of Common Dividends	(9,1	30)	(8,902)	
Payment of Preferred Dividends		15)	(147)	
Construction Advances and Contributions-Net	1	69	627	
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(6,2	55)	(5,103)	
NET CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2	18	(88)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	4,8	34	3,025	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 5,0		2,937	
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-CASH ACTIVITY:				
Utility Plant received as Construction Advances and Contributions	\$ 1,7	97 \$	1,324	
Long-term Debt Deobligation	\$	— \$	64	
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION:				
Cash Paid During the Year for: Interest	\$ 4,9	71 \$	4,875	
Interest Capitalized		71 \$ 75 \$	4,875	
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Income Taxes	\$ 3,7	75 \$	5,169	

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CAPITAL STOCK AND LONG-TERM DEBT

(Unaudited) (In thousands)

	September 30 2014	), D	ecember 31, 2013
Common Stock, No Par Value			
Shares Authorized - 40,000			
Shares Outstanding - 2014 - 16,107	\$ 148,18	<b>5</b> \$	146,185
2013 - 15,963			
Retained Earnings	47,97	7	42,560
TOTAL COMMON EQUITY	\$ 196,16		188,745
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Cumulative Preferred Stock, No Par Value:			
Shares Authorized - 130			
Shares Outstanding - 24 - 2014; 28 - 2013			
Convertible:			
Shares Outstanding, \$7.00 Series - 10 - 2014; 14 - 2013	1,00		1,457
Shares Outstanding, \$8.00 Series - 3	34	9	349
Nonredeemable:	0	`	00
Shares Outstanding, \$7.00 Series - 1 Shares Outstanding, \$4.75 Series - 10	8 1,00		1 000
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TOTAL PREFERRED STOCK	\$ 2,43	5 \$	2,886
Long-term Debt:			
8.05%, Amortizing Secured Note, due December 20, 2021	\$ 1,87	2 \$	2,005
6.25%, Amortizing Secured Note, due May 19, 2028	5,74		6,055
6.44%, Amortizing Secured Note, due August 25, 2030	4,45		4,667
6.46%, Amortizing Secured Note, due September 19, 2031	4,73		4,947
4.22%, State Revolving Trust Note, due December 31, 2022	44	3	465
3.60%, State Revolving Trust Note, due May 1, 2025	2,55	)	2,654
3.30% State Revolving Trust Note, due March 1, 2026	50		541
3.49%, State Revolving Trust Note, due January 25, 2027	53		569
4.03%, State Revolving Trust Note, due December 1, 2026	72		742
4.00% to 5.00%, State Revolving Trust Bond, due August 1, 2021	29		343
0.00%, State Revolving Fund Bond, due August 1, 2021	24 32		281
3.64%, State Revolving Trust Note, due July 1, 2028 3.64%, State Revolving Trust Note, due January 1, 2028	10		330 110
3.45%, State Revolving Trust Note, due January 1, 2020	1,11		467
6.59%, Amortizing Secured Note, due April 20, 2029	5,08		5,348
7.05%, Amortizing Secured Note, due January 20, 2030	3,83		4,021
5.69%, Amortizing Secured Note, due January 20, 2030	7,86		8,248
3.75%, State Revolving Trust Note, due July 1, 2031	2,46		2,515
3.75%, State Revolving Trust Note, due November 30, 2030	1,30	4	1,333
First Mortgage Bonds:			
0.00%, Series X, due September 1, 2018	21	5	268
4.25% to 4.63%, Series Y, due September 1, 2018	24		300
0.00%, Series Z, due September 1, 2019	55		671
5.25% to 5.75%, Series AA, due September 1, 2019	70		830
0.00%, Series BB, due September 1, 2021	84		965
4.00% to 5.00%, Series CC, due September 1, 2021	1,02		1,145
0.00%, Series EE, due August 1, 2023 3.00% to 5.50%, Series FF, due August 1, 2024	3,55 4,90		3,968 5,335
0.00%, Series GG, due August 1, 2026	1,08		1,171
4.00% to 5.00%, Series HH, due August 1, 2026	1,39		1,475
0.00%, Series II, due August 1, 2024	88		971
3.40% to 5.00%, Series JJ, due August 1, 2027	1,09		1,165
0.00%, Series KK, due August 1, 2028	1,25		1,346
5.00% to 5.50%, Series LL, due August 1, 2028	1,43		1,505
0.00%, Series MM, due August 1, 2030	1,53		1,637
3.00% to 4.375%, Series NN, due August 1, 2030	1,75	5	1,835
0.00%, Series OO, due August 1, 2031	2,55		2,709
2.00% to 5.00%, Series PP, due August 1, 2031	85		885
5.00%, Series QQ, due October 1, 2023	9,91		9,915
3.80%, Series RR, due October 1, 2038	22,50		22,500
4.25%, Series SS, due October 1, 2047	23,00		23,000
0.00%, Series TT, due August 1, 2032	2,70		2,860
3.00% to 3.25%, Series UU, due August 1, 2032	97		1,015
0.00%, Series VV, due August 1, 2033	2,72	J	_

3.00% to 5.00%, Series WW, due August 1, 2033	935	_
SUBTOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	 132,832	133,112
Add: Premium on Issuance of Long-term Debt	1,972	2,072
Less: Current Portion of Long-term Debt	(5,634)	(5,386)
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ 129,170 \$	129,798

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1 – Basis of Presentation and Recent Developments

Middlesex Water Company (Middlesex or the Company) is the parent company and sole shareholder of Tidewater Utilities, Inc. (Tidewater), Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. (TESI), Pinelands Water Company (Pinelands Water) and Pinelands Wastewater Company (Pinelands Wastewater) (collectively, Pinelands), Utility Service Affiliates, Inc. (USA), Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy) Inc. (USA-PA), and Twin Lakes Utilities, Inc. (Twin Lakes). Southern Shores Water Company, LLC (Southern Shores) and White Marsh Environmental Systems, Inc. (White Marsh) are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Tidewater. The financial statements for Middlesex and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the Company) are reported on a consolidated basis. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

The consolidated notes within the 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K (the 2013 Form 10-K) are applicable to these financial statements and, in the opinion of the Company, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary (including normal recurring accruals) to present fairly the financial position as of September 30, 2014, the results of operations for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014, and 2013 and cash flows for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2014, and 2013. Information included in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013, has been derived from the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 included in the 2013 Form 10-K. These condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included in the Company's 2013 Form 10-K.

#### Recent Accounting Guidance

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an update to authoritative guidance related to revenue from contracts with customers. The update replaces most of the existing guidance with a single set of principles for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers. The guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. The new guidance must be applied retrospectively to each prior period presented or retrospectively via a cumulative effect upon the date of initial application. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

There is no additional new adopted or proposed accounting guidance that could have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

#### **Note 2 – Rate and Regulatory Matters**

**Middlesex** – In June 2014, Middlesex's application with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) seeking permission to increase base water rates was partially approved, granting an increase in annual operating revenues of \$4.2 million. The originally-filed base water rate increase request of \$10.6 million, filed in November 2013 (subsequently revised to \$8.1 million, primarily resulting from lower employee benefit plan costs), was necessitated by capital investments Middlesex had made, or committed to make, increased operations and maintenance costs and lost revenues resulting from the ending of a wholesale water sales contract with the Borough of Sayreville, New Jersey in August 2013 and Middlesex's largest retail water customer, Hess Corporation, ceasing its oil refining operations at its Port Reading, New Jersey facility in February 2013. The new base water rates are designed to recover the increased costs, lost revenues, as well as a return on invested capital in rate base of \$208.6 million based on a return on equity of 9.75%. The rate increase became effective on July 20, 2014.

In May 2014, Middlesex filed a petition with the NJBPU seeking approval of foundational information (Foundational Filing) that would allow for the implementation of a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC). A DSIC is a rate-mechanism that allows water utilities to recover investment in capital improvements to their water distribution system made between base rate proceedings. In August 2014, the Foundational Filing was approved by the NJBPU, which allows Middlesex to implement a DSIC rate in September 2014 to recover costs for qualifying projects that are placed in service in the sixmonth post-approval period. The DSIC rate is allowed to increase in three subsequent six month periods for any additional qualifying projects placed in service during those time periods. The maximum annual revenue allowed to be recovered under the approved Foundational Filing is \$3.6 million.

**Tidewater** – The Delaware Public Service Commission (DEPSC) approved a \$0.8 million increase in Tidewater's annual base water rates, effective August 19, 2014. The originally-filed base water rate increase request of \$3.9 million, filed in November 2013 (subsequently revised to \$2.5 million, primarily resulting from lower employee benefit plan costs), was necessitated by capital investments Tidewater had made, or committed to make, as well as increased operations and maintenance costs. In connection with the rate increase application, Tidewater implemented a DEPSC approved 6.5% interim rate increase, subject to refund, on February 6, 2014. Since the final approved rate increase was less than the interim rate increase, Tidewater refunded \$0.4 million of previously deferred revenues to customers in the form of a one-time credit to each customer account.

In April 2014, the DEPSC approved Tidewater's agreement with the United States Department of Defense for the privatization of the water system of Dover Air Force Base (DAFB) in Dover, Delaware. On October 1, 2014, Tidewater began providing DAFB with potable water service. Based on the recently implemented DEPSC-approved Tidewater base water rate increase, service to DAFB is expected to generate approximately \$0.6 million of revenue annually.

**TESI** - The DEPSC approved an April 2014 request by TESI to relinquish its Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience ("CPCN") for a real estate parcel in Sussex County, Delaware. This approval allowed for a companion transaction to be completed, whereby TESI was reimbursed with a combination of cash and a future receivable by a real estate developer for \$1.9 million of Preliminary Survey and Investigation Costs incurred in connection with the CPCN. TESI recognized a gain of less than \$0.1 million from this transaction.

#### Note 3 - Capitalization

#### Common Stock

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were 54,627 common shares (approximately \$1.1 million) and 63,649 common shares (approximately \$1.3 million), respectively, issued under the Company's Amended and Restated Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, 4,293 shares (approximately \$0.5 million) of the Company's no par \$7.00 Series Cumulative and Convertible Preferred Stock were converted into 51,516 shares of common stock.

#### Long-term Debt

In May 2014, Middlesex borrowed approximately \$3.8 million through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust under the New Jersey State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program and issued first mortgage bonds designated as Series VV (approximately \$2.8 million) and Series WW (approximately \$0.9 million). The interest rate on the Series VV bond is zero and the interest rate on the Series WW bond ranges from 3.0% to 5.0% depending on the serial maturity date. The final maturity date for both bonds is August 1, 2033. Proceeds were recorded as Restricted Cash and may only be used for the Middlesex 2014 RENEW project, which is part of a program to clean and cement all unlined mains in the Middlesex system.

In October 2014, Tidewater closed on a \$15.0 million DEPSC-approved loan. Tidewater can borrow the \$15.0 million in whole or in increments at its discretion until April 30, 2015, at an interest rate based on market conditions at the time of borrowing with a maximum final maturity date of April 1, 2040. Proceeds from the loan will be used to retire short-term borrowings and also fund Tidewater's ongoing capital program.

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#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used by the Company in estimating its fair value disclosure for financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value. The carrying amounts reflected in the condensed consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, accounts payable and notes payable approximate their respective fair values due to the short-term maturities of these instruments. The fair value of the Company's long-term debt relating to First Mortgage and SRF Bonds (Bonds) is based on quoted market prices for similar issues. Under the fair value hierarchy, the fair value of cash and cash equivalents is classified as a Level 1 measurement and the fair value of the Bonds in the table below are classified as Level 2 measurements.

The carrying amount and fair value of the Company's bonds were as follows:

		September 30, 2014			December 31			31, 2013	
	Can			Fair		Carrying		Fair	
		Amount		Value		Amount		Value	
First Mortgage Bonds	\$	88,628	\$	88,532	\$	87,471	\$	79,733	
SRF Bonds	\$	540	\$	542	\$	625	\$	628	

For other long-term debt for which there was no quoted market price and there is not an active trading market, it was not practicable to estimate their fair value (for details, including carrying value, interest rate and due date on these series of long-term debt, please refer to those series noted as "Amortizing Secured Note" and "State Revolving Trust Note" on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Capital Stock and Long-Term Debt). The carrying amount of these instruments was \$43.7 million at September 30, 2014 and \$45.0 million at December 31, 2013. Customer advances for construction have carrying amounts of \$21.3 million and \$21.8 million, respectively, at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013. Their relative fair values cannot be accurately estimated since future refund payments depend on several variables, including new customer connections, customer consumption levels and future rate increases.

#### Note 4 - Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) are computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period presented. Diluted EPS assumes the conversion of both the Convertible Preferred Stock \$7.00 Series and the Convertible Preferred Stock \$8.00 Series.

		Three Months Ended September 30,						
		201	4		2013	}		
Basic:		Income	Shares		Income	Shares		
Net Income	\$	6,758	16,097	\$	5,807	15,882		
Preferred Dividend		(36)			(44)			
Earnings Applicable to Common Stock	\$	6,722	16,097	\$	5,763	15,882		
Basic EPS	\$	0.42		\$	0.36			
Diluted:								
Earnings Applicable to Common Stock	\$	6,722	16,097	\$	5,763	15,882		
\$7.00 Series Preferred Dividend		17	115		24	167		
\$8.00 Series Preferred Dividend		6	41		6	68		
Adjusted Earnings Applicable to Common Stock	\$	6,745	16,253	\$	5,793	16,117		
Diluted EPS	\$	0.42		\$	0.36			
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(In Thousands Except per Share Amounts) Nine Months Ended September 30,

2014				2013		
	Income	Shares		Income	Shares	
\$	14,654	16,030	\$	13,465	15,839	
	(115)			(147)		
\$	14,539	16,030	\$	13,318	15,839	
\$	0.91		\$	0.84		
\$	14,539	16,030	\$	13,318	15,839	
	57	140		73	167	
	18	41		34	87	
\$	14,614	16,211	\$	13,425	16,093	
\$	0.90		\$	0.83		
	\$	Income	Income     Shares       \$ 14,654     16,030       (115)     \$ 14,539     16,030       \$ 0.91     \$ 14,539     16,030       \$ 14,539     16,030     \$ 140       18     41       \$ 14,614     16,211	Income     Shares       \$ 14,654 (115)     16,030 \$       \$ 14,539 16,030 \$     \$       \$ 0.91 \$     \$       \$ 14,539 16,030 \$     \$       57 140 18 41 \$     \$       \$ 14,614 16,211 \$	Income         Shares         Income           \$ 14,654         16,030         \$ 13,465           (115)         (147)           \$ 14,539         16,030         \$ 13,318           \$ 0.91         \$ 0.84           \$ 14,539         16,030         \$ 13,318           57         140         73           18         41         34           \$ 14,614         16,211         \$ 13,425	

#### Note 5 - Business Segment Data

The Company has identified two reportable segments. One is the regulated business of collecting, treating and distributing water on a retail and wholesale basis to residential, commercial, industrial and fire protection customers in parts of New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. This segment also includes regulated wastewater systems in New Jersey and Delaware. The Company is subject to regulations as to its rates, services and other matters by New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania with respect to utility services within these states. The other segment is primarily comprised of non-regulated contract services for the operation and maintenance of municipal and private water and wastewater systems in New Jersey and Delaware. Inter-segment transactions relating to operational costs are treated as pass-through expenses. Finance charges on inter-segment loan activities are based on interest rates that are below what would normally be charged by a third party lender.

	(In Thousands)								
		Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
		September 30,			September			30,	
Operations by Segments:		2014		2013		2014		2013	
Revenues:									
Regulated	\$	29,346	\$	27,981	\$	78,719	\$	77,042	
Non – Regulated		3,492		3,470		10,752		10,787	
Inter-segment Elimination		(169)		(166)		(439)		(405)	
Consolidated Revenues	\$	32,669	\$	31,285	\$	89,032	\$	87,424	
Operating Income:									
Regulated	\$	11,039	\$	9,685	\$	24,585	\$	22,699	
Non – Regulated		581		585		1,748		1,607	
Consolidated Operating Income	\$	11,620	\$	10,270	\$	26,333	\$	24,306	
Net Income:									
Regulated	\$	6,458	\$	5,505	\$	13,753	\$	12,648	
Non – Regulated		300		302		901		817	
Consolidated Net Income	\$	6,758	\$	5,807	\$	14,654	\$	13,465	
Capital Expenditures:									
Regulated	\$	7,211	\$	4,313	\$	15,685	\$	14,417	
Non – Regulated		67		50		98		168	
Total Capital Expenditures	\$	7,278	\$	4,363	\$	15,783	\$	14,585	
		As of		As of					
	Sej	otember 30, 2014	De	cember 31, 2013					
Assets:									
Regulated	\$	540,970	\$	529,381					
Non – Regulated		8,262		8,887					
Inter-segment Elimination		(6,734)		(7,927)					
Consolidated Assets	\$	542,498	\$	530,341					

#### Note 6 - Short-term Borrowings

As of September 30, 2014, the Company has established lines of credit aggregating \$60.0 million. At September 30, 2014, the outstanding borrowings under these credit lines were \$30.5 million at a weighted average interest rate of 1.47%.

The weighted average daily amounts of borrowings outstanding under the Company's credit lines and the weighted average interest rates on those amounts were as follows:

	(In Thousands)								
	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			nded		
	September 30, 2014 2013			September 30			30,		
					2014		2013		
Average Daily Amounts Outstanding	\$	28,832	\$	28,608	\$	27,906	\$	27,472	
Weighted Average Interest Rates		1.44%		1.32%		1.44%		1.35%	

The maturity dates for the \$30.5 million outstanding as of September 30, 2014 are all in October 2014 and are extendable at the discretion of the Company.

Interest rates for short-term borrowings under the lines of credit are below the prime rate with no requirement for compensating balances.

#### Note 7 - Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

#### Water Supply

Middlesex has an agreement with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) for the purchase of untreated water through November 30, 2023, which provides for an average purchase of 27 million gallons a day (mgd). Pricing is set annually by the NJWSA through a public rate making process. The agreement has provisions for additional pricing in the event Middlesex overdrafts or exceeds certain monthly and annual thresholds.

Middlesex also has an agreement with a non-affiliated regulated water utility for the purchase of treated water. This agreement, which expires February 27, 2016, provides for the minimum purchase of 3 mgd of treated water with provisions for additional purchases.

Purchased water costs are shown below:

		(In Thousands)							
		Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	20	014	DCI DC	2013		2014		2013	
Treated	\$	764	\$	780	\$	2,344	\$	2,303	
Untreated		642		618		1,763		1,739	
Total Costs	\$	1,406	\$	1,398	\$	4,107	\$	4,042	

Contract Operations - USA-PA operates the City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey's water and wastewater systems under a 20-year agreement, which expires in 2018. In connection with the agreement with Perth Amboy, USA-PA entered into a 20-year subcontract with a wastewater operating company for the operation and maintenance of the Perth Amboy wastewater collection system. The subcontract provides for the sharing of certain fixed and variable fees and operating expenses.

Guarantees - In September 2013, Middlesex entered into agreements with Applied Water Management, Inc. (AWM), Natural Systems Utilities, LLC (NSU), the parent company of AWM, and the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (Monmouth County) for the design, construction and operation of a leachate pretreatment facility at the Monmouth County Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Under the terms of the agreements, AWM will obtain permits, design, build and operate the landfill leachate pretreatment facility and Middlesex will serve in the role of guarantor of AWM's performance on the project, in addition to providing operational support. Construction of the facility is being financed by Monmouth County and began in September 2014. Middlesex expects to act as guarantor of AWM's performance through at least August 2018 and is contractually obligated to act as guarantor of AWM's performance through 2028 unless another guarantor, acceptable to Monmouth County, is identified. Under agreements with AWM and NSU, Middlesex earns a fee for providing the guaranty of AWM's performance to Monmouth County, and AWM and NSU, serving as guarantor to Middlesex with respect to the performance of AWM, indemnify Middlesex against any claims that may arise under the Middlesex guaranty to Monmouth County.

Middlesex believes it is unlikely any payments would need to be made under Middlesex's guaranty of AWM's performance to Monmouth County. If asked to perform under the guaranty to Monmouth County, and, if AWM and NSU, as guarantor to Middlesex, do not fulfill their obligations to indemnify Middlesex against any claims that may arise under the Middlesex guaranty to Monmouth County, Middlesex would be required to fulfill the construction and operational commitments of AWM. As of September 30, 2014, and December 31, 2013, the liability recognized in Other Non-Current Liabilities on the balance sheet for the guaranty is approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

#### Construction

The Company expects to spend approximately \$26.6 million for its construction program in 2014. The actual timing and amount of capital expenditures is dependent on project scheduling and refinement of engineering estimates for certain projects.

#### Litigation

The Company is a defendant in lawsuits in the normal course of business. We believe the resolution of pending claims and legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### Change in Control Agreements

The Company has Change in Control Agreements with certain of its officers that provide compensation and benefits in the event of termination of employment in connection with a change in control of the Company.

#### Note 8 - Employee Benefit Plans

#### Pension Benefits

The Company maintains a defined benefit pension plan (Pension Plan) which covers all active employees hired prior to March 31, 2007. Employees hired after March 31, 2007 are not eligible to participate in this plan, but do participate in a defined contribution plan that provides a discretionary annual contribution into a self-directed retirement account based upon a percentage of the participants' base compensation. In order to be eligible for contribution, the participating employee must be employed by the Company on December 31st of the year to which the award relates. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company made cash contributions to the Pension Plan of \$1.3 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company made cash contributions to the Pension Plan of \$2.5 million and \$2.6 million, respectively. The Company expects to make additional cash contributions to the Pension Plan of approximately \$0.8 million over the remainder of the current year. The Company also maintains an unfunded supplemental retirement benefit plan for certain active and retired Company officers and currently pays \$0.3 million in annual benefits to the retired participants.

#### Other Postretirement Benefits

The Company maintains a postretirement plan other than pensions (Other Benefits Plan) which covers substantially all of its retired employees. Employees hired after March 31, 2007 are not eligible to participate in this plan. Coverage includes healthcare and life insurance. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company made cash contributions to the Other Benefits Plan of \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company made cash contributions to the Other Benefits Plan of \$0.9 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. The Company expects to make additional cash contributions to the Other Benefits Plan of approximately \$0.3 million over the remainder of the current year.

The following tables set forth information relating to the Company's periodic costs for its employee retirement benefit plans:

		(In Thousands)						
		Pension Benefits Other Benefits					its	
		Three Months Ended September 30,						
		2014		2013		2014		2013
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Service Cost	\$	473	\$	575 617	\$	258	\$	334
Interest Cost		670		617		448		399
Expected Return on Assets		(883)		(724)		(484)		(406)
Amortization of Unrecognized Losses		104		408		353		516
Amortization of Unrecognized Prior Service Cost (Credit)		1		2		(432)		(432)
Net Periodic Benefit Cost	\$	365	\$	878	\$	143	\$	411
		(In Thousands)						
		Pension Benefits Other Benefits						its
		Nine Months Ended September 30,						
		2014						2013
Service Cost	\$	1,420	\$	1,725	\$	774	\$	1,003
Interest Cost		2,011		1,851		1,344		1,196
Expected Return on Assets		(2,650)		(2,171)		(1,453)		(1,217)
Amortization of Unrecognized Losses		312		1,224		1,060		1,549
Amortization of Unrecognized Prior Service Cost (Credit)		2		7		(1,296)		(1,296)
Net Periodic Benefit Cost	\$	1,095	\$	2,636	\$	429	\$	1,235
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#### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Middlesex Water Company (Middlesex or the Company) included elsewhere herein and with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in this periodic report and in the documents incorporated by reference constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. The Company intends that these statements be covered by the safe harbors created under those laws. These statements include, but are not limited to:

- statements as to expected financial condition, performance, prospects and earnings of the Company;
- statements regarding strategic plans for growth;
- statements regarding the amount and timing of rate increases and other regulatory matters, including the recovery of certain costs recorded as regulatory assets;
- statements as to the Company's expected liquidity needs during the upcoming fiscal year and beyond and statements as to the sources and availability of funds to meet its liquidity needs;
- statements as to expected customer rates, consumption volumes, service fees, revenues, margins, expenses and operating results;
- statements as to financial projections;
- statements as to the expected amount of cash contributions to fund the Company's retirement benefit plans, anticipated discount rates and rates of return on retirement benefit plan assets;
- statements as to the ability of the Company to pay dividends;
- statements as to the Company's compliance with environmental laws and regulations and estimations of the materiality of any related costs;
- statements as to the safety and reliability of the Company's equipment, facilities and operations;
- statements as to the Company's plans to renew municipal franchises and consents in the territories it serves;
- statements as to trends; and
- statements regarding the availability and quality of our water supply.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results and outcomes include, but are not limited to:

- the effects of general economic conditions;
- increases in competition in the markets served by the Company;
- the ability of the Company to control operating expenses and to achieve efficiencies in its operations;
- the availability of adequate supplies of water;
- actions taken by government regulators, including decisions on rate increase requests;
- new or additional water quality standards;
- weather variations and other natural phenomena;
- pursuit and integration of acquisitions of projects, systems or contracts that do not meet operational and/or financial expectations;
- acts of war or terrorism;
- cyber security incidents or failure of information technology systems;
- the pace of housing development in our regulated franchise areas and the resulting impact on customer growth;
- the availability and cost of capital resources;
- the ability to translate Preliminary Survey & Investigation charges into active projects; and
- other factors discussed elsewhere in this quarterly report.

Many of these factors are beyond the Company's ability to control or predict. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which only speak to the Company's understanding as of the date of this report. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

For an additional discussion of factors that may affect the Company's business and results of operations, see Item 1A. - Risk Factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

#### Overview

Middlesex Water Company (Middlesex) has operated as a water utility in New Jersey since 1897, in Delaware through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. (Tidewater), since 1992 and in Pennsylvania through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Twin Lakes Utilities, Inc. (Twin Lakes), since 2009. We are in the business of collecting, treating and distributing water for domestic, commercial, municipal, industrial and fire protection purposes. We also operate two New Jersey municipal water and wastewater systems under contract and provide regulated wastewater services in New Jersey and Delaware through our subsidiaries. We are regulated as to rates charged to customers for water and wastewater services, as to the quality of water service we provide and as to certain other matters in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Only our Utility Service Affiliates, Inc. (USA), Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy), Inc. (USA-PA) and White Marsh Environmental Services, Inc. (White Marsh) subsidiaries are not regulated utilities.

Our New Jersey water utility system (the Middlesex System) provides water services to approximately 61,000 retail customers, primarily in central New Jersey. The Middlesex System also provides water service under contract to municipalities in central New Jersey with a total population of approximately 219,000. Our Bayview subsidiary provides water services in Downe Township, New Jersey. Our other New Jersey subsidiaries, Pinelands Water Company (Pinelands Wastewater) (collectively, Pinelands), provide water and wastewater services to residents in Southampton Township, New Jersey.

We have an investment in a joint venture, Ridgewood Green RME, LLC, that owns and operates facilities to optimize the production of electricity at the Village of Ridgewood, New Jersey wastewater treatment plant and other municipal facilities.

In partnership with our subsidiary, USA-PA, we operate the water supply and distribution systems and wastewater system for the City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey (Perth Amboy).

USA offers residential customers in New Jersey and Delaware water service line and sewer lateral maintenance programs (LineCare). USA entered into a marketing agreement (the Agreement), expiring in 2021, with HomeServe USA (HomeServe), a leading provider of home maintenance service programs to service, develop and grow USA's LineCare customer base. USA receives a service fee for the billing, cash collection and other administrative matters associated with HomeServe's service contracts. USA also operates the Borough of Avalon, New Jersey's (Avalon) water utility, sewer utility and storm water system. In addition to performing the day to day operations, USA is responsible for billing, collections, customer service, emergency responses and management of capital projects funded by Avalon. USA also provides unregulated water and wastewater services under contract with several New Jersey municipalities.

Our Delaware subsidiaries, Tidewater and Southern Shores Water Company, LLC (Southern Shores), provide water services to approximately 39,000 retail customers in New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties, Delaware. Tidewater's subsidiary, White Marsh, services an additional 3,500 customers in Kent and Sussex Counties through various operations and maintenance contracts.

Our Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. (TESI) subsidiary provides wastewater services to approximately 3,200 residential retail customers.

Our Pennsylvania subsidiary, Twin Lakes, provides water services to approximately 120 retail customers in the Township of Shohola, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

The majority of our revenue is generated from retail and contract water services to customers in our service areas. We record water service revenue as such service is rendered and include estimates for amounts unbilled at the end of the period for services provided after the last billing cycle. Fixed service charges are billed in advance by our subsidiary, Tidewater, and are recognized in revenue as the service is provided.

Our ability to increase operating income and net income is based significantly on four factors: weather, adequate and timely rate relief, effective cost management, and customer growth. These factors are evident in the discussions below which compare our results of operations with prior periods.

#### **Recent Developments**

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Approves Middlesex Base Water Rate Increase – In June 2014, Middlesex's application with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) seeking permission to increase base water rates was partially approved, granting an increase in annual operating revenues of \$4.2 million. The originally-filed base water rate increase request of \$10.6 million, filed in November 2013 (subsequently revised to \$8.1 million, primarily resulting from lower employee benefit plan costs), was necessitated by capital investments Middlesex had made, or committed to make, increased operations and maintenance costs and lost revenues resulting from the ending of a wholesale water sales contract with the Borough of Sayreville, New Jersey in August 2013 and Middlesex's largest retail water customer, Hess Corporation, ceasing its oil refining operations at its Port Reading, New Jersey facility in February 2013. The new base water rates are designed to recover the increased costs, lost revenues, as well as a return on invested capital in rate base of \$208.6 million based on a return on equity of 9.75%. The rate increase became effective on July 20, 2014.

**Middlesex Implements Distribution System Improvement Charge** – In May 2014, Middlesex filed a petition with the NJBPU seeking approval of foundational information (Foundational Filing) that would allow for the implementation of a Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC). A DSIC is a rate-mechanism that allows water utilities to recover investment in capital improvements to their water distribution system made between base rate proceedings. In August 2014, the Foundational Filing was approved by the NJBPU, which allows Middlesex to implement a DSIC rate in September 2014 to recover costs for qualifying projects that are placed in service in the six-month post-approval period. The DSIC rate is allowed to increase in three subsequent six month periods for any additional qualifying projects placed in service during those time periods. The maximum annual revenue allowed to be recovered under the approved Foundational Filing is \$3.6 million.

**Delaware Public Service Commission Approves Tidewater Base Water Rate Increase** –The Delaware Public Service Commission (DEPSC) approved a \$0.8 million increase in Tidewater's annual base water rates, effective August 19, 2014. The originally-filed base water rate increase request of \$3.9 million, filed in November 2013 (subsequently revised to \$2.5 million, primarily resulting from lower employee benefit plan costs), was necessitated by capital investments Tidewater had made, or committed to make, as well as increased operations and maintenance costs. In connection with the rate increase application, Tidewater implemented a DEPSC approved 6.5% interim rate increase, subject to refund, on February 6, 2014. Since the final approved rate increase was less than the interim rate increase, Tidewater refunded \$0.4 million of previously deferred revenues to customers in the form of a one-time credit to each customer account.

**Dover Air Force Base** – In April 2014, the DEPSC approved Tidewater's agreement with the United States Department of Defense for the privatization of the water system of Dover Air Force Base (DAFB) in Dover, Delaware. On October 1, 2014, Tidewater began providing DAFB with potable water service. Based on the recently implemented DEPSC-approved Tidewater base water rate increase, service to DAFB is expected to generate approximately \$0.6 million of revenue annually.

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**Tidewater Loan** – In October 2014, Tidewater closed on a \$15.0 million DEPSC-approved loan. Tidewater can borrow the \$15.0 million in whole or in increments at its discretion until April 30, 2015, at an interest rate based on market conditions at the time of borrowing with a maximum final maturity date of April 1, 2040. Proceeds from the loan will be used to retire short-term borrowings and also fund Tidewater's ongoing capital program.

#### Outlook

Revenues for the remainder of 2014 are expected to be favorably impacted by Middlesex and Tidewater base water rate increases, (see "New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Approves Middlesex Base Water Rate Increase" and "Delaware Public Service Commission Approves Tidewater Base Water Rate Increase" above). In addition, revenues are expected to be favorably impacted by Tidewater's agreement to provide water service to DAFB (beginning on October 1, 2014) and the full year effect of TESI's Plantations development (Plantations) wastewater asset acquisition, which TESI began serving in October 2013.

Improved investment performance in 2013 of our retirement plan funds and a higher discount rate used for our actuarially-determined 2014 employee benefit plan expenses lowered our expenses and cash contributions in 2014. See Note 8 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion of Employee Benefit Plans.

Revenues and earnings are influenced by weather. Changes in customer water usage patterns, number of customers and operating costs, as well as increases in capital expenditures, are the primary factors in determining the need for rate increase requests. We continue to implement plans to streamline operations and reduce operating costs in order to mitigate the level of rate increase requests.

As a result of the pace of new residential home construction, there may be an increase in the amount of preliminary survey and investigation (PS&I) costs that will not be recoverable in rates. If it is determined that recovery is unlikely, the applicable PS&I costs will be charged against income in the period of determination.

Our strategy is focused on four key areas:

- · Acquire investor- and municipally-owned water and wastewater utilities;
- Operate municipal and industrial water and wastewater systems under contract;
- Invest in renewable energy projects that are complementary to the provision of water and wastewater services, and to our core water and wastewater competencies; and
- · Invest in other products, services and opportunities that complement our core water and wastewater competencies.

#### **Operating Results by Segment**

The discussion of the Company's operating results is on a consolidated basis and includes significant factors by subsidiary. The Company has two operating segments, Regulated and Non-Regulated.

The segments in the tables included below consist of the following companies: Regulated-Middlesex, Tidewater, Pinelands, Southern Shores, TESI and Twin Lakes; Non-Regulated-USA, USA-PA, and White Marsh.

#### Results of Operations - Three Months Ended September 30, 2014

## (In Thousands) Three Months Ended September 30,

		2014						2013					
		Non-						Non-					
	F	Regulated	Regulated		Total		Regulated		Regulated			Total	
Revenues	\$	29,266	\$	3,403	\$	32,669	\$	27,905	\$	3,380	\$	31,285	
Operations and maintenance expenses		12,261		2,695		14,956		12,451		2,669		15,120	
Depreciation expense		2,835		45		2,880		2,726		46		2,772	
Other taxes		3,131		82		3,213		3,043		80		3,123	
Operating income		11,039		581		11,620		9,685		585		10,270	
Other income, net		85		_		85		130		_		130	
Interest expense		1,493		23		1,516		1,517		24		1,541	
Income taxes		3,173		258		3,431		2,793		259		3,052	
Net income	\$	6,458	\$	300	\$	6,758	\$	5,505	\$	302	\$	5,807	

#### **Operating Revenues**

Operating revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$1.4 million from the same period in 2013. This increase was primarily related to the following factors:

- · Middlesex System revenues increased \$0.4 million, primarily due to the following:
  - o Revenues from General Metered Service (GMS) customers increased by \$0.6 million, primarily due to the BPU-approved rate increase implemented in July 2014; and
  - o Contract Sales to Municipalities decreased by \$0.2 million primarily due to the loss of the Borough of Sayreville, New Jersey as a wholesale customer in August 2013 partially offset by the BPU-approved rate increase implemented in July 2014;
- · Tidewater System revenues increased \$0.8 million, primarily due to the following:
  - o The implementation of a DEPSC-approved rate increase (approximately \$0.3 million); and
  - o Higher customer demand (approximately \$0.4 million);
  - o  $\,$  Increased fees for new customer connections to our water system (\$0.1 million) and
- · USA's revenues increased \$0.2 million, primarily due to higher additional services revenues earned under USA's contract to operate the Avalon water utility, sewer utility and storm water system.

#### Operation and Maintenance Expense

Operation and maintenance expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2014 decreased \$0.2 million, primarily due to:

- Employee benefit expenses decreased \$0.6 million due primarily to lower postretirement employee benefit plan costs resulting from improved performance in 2013 on our investment of retirement plan funds and a higher discount rate used for the actuarially determined 2014 expense;
- · Variable production costs decreased \$0.2 million primarily due to lower customer demand and higher water quality in our Middlesex System;
- Labor costs increased \$0.1 million, primarily related to higher average labor rates in 2014 as compared to 2013;

- · Expenditures for billable supplemental services related to USA's contract to operate the Avalon water utility, sewer utility and storm water system increased \$0.1 million;
- Costs associated with Middlesex's Right of Way clearing program increased \$0.1 million; and
- · Operation and maintenance expenses for all other categories increased \$0.3 million.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$0.1 million from the same period in 2013 due to a higher level of utility plant in service.

#### Other Taxes

Other taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$0.1 million from the same period in 2013, primarily due to higher revenue related taxes on higher taxable revenues in our Middlesex system.

#### Other Income, net

Other Income, net for the three months ended September 30, 2014 was consistent with the same period in 2013.

#### Interest Charges

Interest charges for the three months ended September 30, 2014 were consistent with the same period in 2013.

#### Income Taxes

Income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$0.4 million from the same period in 2013, primarily due to increased operating income in 2014 as compared to 2013.

#### Net Income and Earnings Per Share

Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$1.0 million from the same period in 2013. Basic and diluted earnings per share were \$0.42 and \$0.36 for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Results of Operations - Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014

(In Thousands)
Nine Months Ended September 30,

	Time World Ended September 50,												
	2014						2013						
	Non-						Non-						
	Re	gulated	Regulated		Total		Regulated		Regulated			Total	
Revenues	\$	78,547	\$	10,485	\$	89,032	\$	76,906	\$	10,518	\$	87,424	
Operations and maintenance expenses		36,624		8,333		44,957		37,184		8,514		45,698	
Depreciation expense		8,394		138		8,532		8,070		135		8,205	
Other taxes		8,944		266		9,210		8,953		262		9,215	
Operating income		24,585		1,748		26,333		22,699		1,607		24,306	
Other income, net		196		(6)		190		333		_		333	
Interest expense		4,066		68		4,134		4,162		72		4,234	
Income taxes		6,962		773		7,735		6,222		718		6,940	
Net income	\$	13,753	\$	901	\$	14,654	\$	12,648	\$	817	\$	13,465	

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#### **Operating Revenues**

Operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$1.6 million from the same period in 2013. This increase was primarily related to the following factors:

- · Middlesex System revenues decreased \$0.8 million, primarily due to the following:
  - o Revenues from GMS customers were consistent with the same period in 2013, primarily due to decreased GMS customer demand (approximately \$0.8 million) as a result of unfavorable weather and Hess Corporation ceasing its oil refining operations at its Port Reading, New Jersey facility in February 2013. This was offset by the BPU-approved rate increase implemented in July 2014 (approximately \$0.8 million); and
  - o Contract Sales to Municipalities decreased by \$0.8 million primarily due to the loss of the Borough of Sayreville, New Jersey as a wholesale customer in August 2013 (\$1.2 million) partially offset by the BPU-approved rate increase implemented in July 2014 and by higher demand from customers (collectively \$0.4 million);
- · Tidewater System revenues increased \$1.9 million, primarily due to the following:
  - o Increased fees for new customer connections to our water system;
  - o The February 2014 implementation of a DEPSC-approved 6.5% interim base rate increase, net of the partial deferral of the interim base rate increase (see Note 2, *Rate and Regulatory Matters Tidewater*); and
  - Higher customer demand;
- TESI's revenues increased \$0.4 million, primarily due to service revenues from the customers of the acquired Plantations wastewater system, which TESI began serving in October 2013; and
- · USA-PA's revenues increased \$0.1 million, primarily from scheduled increases in the fixed fees paid under contract with the City of Perth Amboy.

#### Operation and Maintenance Expense

Operation and maintenance expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 decreased \$0.7 million, primarily related to the following factors:

- Employee benefit expenses decreased \$2.1 million due primarily to lower postretirement employee benefit plan costs resulting from improved performance in 2013 on our investment of retirement plan funds and a higher discount rate used for the actuarially determined 2014 expense;
- Variable production costs decreased \$0.3 million primarily due to lower customer demand and higher water quality in our Middlesex System;
- · Expenditures for billable supplemental services related to USA's Avalon contract decreased \$0.3 million;
- · Severe winter weather resulted in higher water main break costs of \$0.5 million in our Middlesex and Pinelands Systems;
- · Inspection, maintenance and repair services increased \$0.4 million at Middlesex's production and transmission and distribution facilities;
- · Labor costs increased \$0.7 million, primarily related to higher overtime resulting from severe winter weather in our Middlesex System; and
- · Operation and maintenance expenses for all other categories increased \$0.4 million.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$0.3 million from the same period in 2013 due to a higher level of utility plant in service.

#### Other Taxes

Other taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 were consistent with the same period in 2013, primarily due to lower revenue related taxes on lower taxable revenues in our Middlesex system offset by higher payroll taxes.

#### Other Income, net

Other Income, net for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 decreased \$0.1 million from the same period in 2013, primarily due to business development costs at our TESI subsidiary.

#### Interest Charges

Interest charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 decreased \$0.1 million from the same period in 2013, primarily due to lower average interest rates on long-term debt and lower average long-term debt outstanding.

#### Income Taxes

Income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$0.8 million from the same period in 2013, primarily due to increased operating income in 2014 as compared to 2013 and a higher effective tax rate, resulting from Middlesex's subsidiaries who pay state income taxes contributing a higher percentage of 2014 consolidated pre-tax income.

#### Net Income and Earnings Per Share

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$1.2 million from the same period in 2013. Basic earnings per share were \$0.91 and \$0.84 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Diluted earnings per share were \$0.90 and \$0.83 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### **Operating Cash Flows**

Cash flows from operations are largely based on four factors: weather, adequate and timely rate increases, effective cost management and customer growth. The effect of those factors on net income is discussed in "Results of Operations."

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, cash flows from operating activities increased \$1.3 million to \$22.4 million. The increase in cash flows from operating activities primarily resulted from the timing of income tax and vendor payments. The \$22.4 million of net cash flow from operations enabled us to fund all of our utility plant expenditures internally for the period.

#### Capital Expenditures and Commitments

To fund our capital program, we use internally generated funds, short-term and long-term debt borrowings, proceeds from sales of common stock under our Amended and Restated Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan (DRP) and common stock offerings. See below for a more detailed discussion regarding the funding of our capital program.

The capital investment program for 2014 is currently estimated to be \$26.6 million. Through September 30, 2014, we have expended \$15.8 million and expect to incur approximately \$10.8 million for capital projects for the remainder of 2014.

We currently project that we may expend approximately \$59.0 million for capital projects in 2015 and 2016. The actual amount and timing of capital expenditures is dependent on project scheduling and refinement of engineering estimates for certain capital projects.

To fund our capital program for the remainder of 2014, we plan on utilizing:

- · Internally generated funds
- · Proceeds from the sale of common stock through the DRP
- · Funds available and held in trust under existing New Jersey State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans (currently, \$2.3 million). SRF programs provide low cost financing for projects that meet certain water quality and system improvement benchmarks.
- · Short-term borrowings, if necessary, through \$60.0 million of available lines of credit with several financial institutions. As of September 30, 2014, the outstanding borrowings under these credit lines were \$30.5 million.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements** – See Note 1 of the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

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#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures of Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk associated with changes in interest rates and commodity prices. The Company is subject to the risk of fluctuating interest rates in the normal course of business. Our policy is to manage interest rates through the use of fixed rate long-term debt and, to a lesser extent, short-term debt. The Company's interest rate risk related to existing fixed rate, long-term debt is not material due to the term of the majority of our First Mortgage Bonds, which have final maturity dates ranging from 2018 to 2047. Over the next twelve months, approximately \$5.6 million of the current portion of 40 existing long-term debt instruments will mature. Applying a hypothetical change in the rate of interest charged by 10% on those borrowings, would not have a material effect on our earnings.

Our risks associated with commodity price increases for chemicals, electricity and other commodities are reduced through contractual arrangements and the ability to recover price increases through rates. Non-performance by these commodity suppliers could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

We are exposed to credit risk for both our Regulated and Non-Regulated business segments. Our Regulated operations serve residential, commercial, industrial and municipal customers while our Non-Regulated operations engage in business activities with developers, government entities and other customers. Our primary credit risk is exposure to customer default on contractual obligations and the associated loss that may be incurred due to the non-payment of customer accounts receivable balances. Our credit risk is managed through established credit and collection policies which are in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and involve monitoring of customer exposure and the use of credit risk mitigation measures such as letters of credit or prepayment arrangements. Our credit portfolio is diversified with no significant customer or industry concentrations. In addition, our Regulated businesses are generally able to recover all prudently incurred costs including uncollectible customer accounts receivable expenses and collection costs through rates.

The Company's postretirement benefit plan assets are exposed to fluctuating market prices of debt and equity securities. Changes to the Company's postretirement benefit plan assets' value can impact the Company's postretirement benefit plan expense, funded status and future minimum funding requirements. Our risk is reduced through our ability to recover postretirement benefit plan costs through rates.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As required by Rule 13a-15 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures was conducted by the Company's Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Company's Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the end of the period covered by this Report. There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Company reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Company reports filed under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

The information about risk factors does not differ materially from those set forth in Part I, Item 1A. of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6.

**Exhibits** 

31.1	Section 302 Certification by Dennis W. Doll pursuant to Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
31.2	Section 302 Certification by A. Bruce O'Connor pursuant to Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
32.1	Section 906 Certification by Dennis W. Doll pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Section 906 Certification by A. Bruce O'Connor pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCI	Y XBRL Schema Document
101.CA	XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAI	3 XBRL Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRI	XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document
101.DEI	XBRL Definition Linkbase Document

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

#### MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

By: /s/A. Bruce O'Connor

A. Bruce O'Connor Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: November 6, 2014

#### SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-14 AND 15d-14 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

- I, Dennis W. Doll, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Middlesex Water Company;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(f)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have;
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Dennis W. Doll
Dennis W. Doll
Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 6, 2014

#### SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-14 AND 15d-14 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

- I, A. Bruce O'Connor, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Middlesex Water Company;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have;
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ A. Bruce O'Connor
A. Bruce O'Connor
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 6, 2014

#### SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. §1350

I, Dennis W. Doll, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the periodic report being filed herewith containing financial statements fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d)) and that information contained in said periodic report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Middlesex Water Company for the period covered by said periodic report.

/s/ Dennis W. Doll
Dennis W. Doll
Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 6, 2014

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Middlesex Water Company and will be retained by Middlesex Water Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

#### SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. §1350

I, A. Bruce O'Connor, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the periodic report being filed herewith containing financial statements fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a) or 78o(d)) and that information contained in said periodic report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Middlesex Water Company for the period covered by said periodic report.

/s/ A. Bruce O'Connor A. Bruce O'Connor Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 6, 2014

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Middlesex Water Company and will be retained by Middlesex Water Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.