



Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Named "Best in the Business"

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DOVER, DE -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 08/14/09 -- Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ: MSEX) a provider of water and wastewater services in New Jersey and Delaware, today announced that its wholly owned, regulated Delaware subsidiary, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., has been named "Best in the Business" in a survey conducted for The Delaware News Journal by Workplace Dynamics, a workplace consulting firm.

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. is a water utility serving more than 42,000 homes and businesses in over 370 residential communities and 590 commercial establishments throughout Delaware. The "Best in the Business" list identifies leading workplaces in Delaware, based upon the opinions of their employees. Tidewater was recognized as one of the top 15 out of 40 medium sized employers who participated in the survey. Medium companies are those firms employing 76-240 employees in Delaware.

Gerard L. Esposito, President of Tidewater Utilities, Inc., said, "We are delighted to achieve this distinction for the third time. We appreciate our employees' vote of confidence and are deeply proud of the dedication and commitment demonstrated by our employees in delivering quality service on a daily basis."

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. operates 176 wells and 89 water plants. In 2008, the Company delivered more than 2.1 billion gallons of water throughout its service area, which extends from lower New Castle County in the north of Delaware to Sussex County near the state's southern border and into Maryland. Tidewater Utilities is the largest private water supplier south of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. For more information about Tidewater, visit www.tuiwater.com or call 800-523-7224.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is the parent company of Tidewater and provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey and Delaware through various subsidiary companies. In July 2009, Middlesex Water was named one of America's 100 Fastest-Growing Publicly Traded Small Companies by Fortune Small Business Magazine. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

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