



Water Research Foundation Elects Dennis W. Doll, Middlesex Water CEO, to Its Board of Trustees

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ISELIN, NJ -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 01/25/10 -- The Water Research Foundation has named Dennis W. Doll, President and CEO of Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ: MSEX), to its Board of Trustees. Founded in 1966, the Water Research Foundation is an international, 501c(3) nonprofit organization that sponsors comprehensive, scientific and timely research to enable water utilities, public health agencies and other professionals to provide safe and affordable drinking water to the public.

The Foundation focuses on four strategic research goal areas including management and customer relations, water resources and environmental sustainability, water quality and infrastructure. The Foundation also works to guide regulation and partner with organizations around the world to leverage funding and share expertise. With more than 950 subscriber members in the U.S. and abroad, who provide 80 percent of the nation's drinking water, the Water Research Foundation has funded and managed more than 1,000 studies valued at more than \$460 million to help utilities provide safe, affordable and plentiful drinking water. More information about the Foundation may be obtained at www.WaterResearchFoundation.org.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's web site at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, our long-term strategy and expectations, the status of our acquisition program, the impact of our acquisitions, the impact of current and projected rate requests and the impact of our capital program on our environmental compliance. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including: general economic business conditions, unfavorable weather conditions, the success of certain cost containment initiatives, changes in regulations or regulatory treatment, availability and the cost of capital, the success of growth initiatives and other factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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