



## **Middlesex Water Company Announces a Dividend Increase**

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ISELIN, N.J., Oct. 26, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Middlesex Water Company (Nasdaq:MSEX) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved an increase in the Company's quarterly cash dividend. The dividend will increase to \$0.1750 from \$0.1725. The new dividend rate is payable December 3, 2007 to shareholders of record as of November 15, 2007. This dividend increase raises the annual dividend to \$0.70 from \$0.69 per share of common stock.

The Company has paid cash dividends in varying amounts continually since 1912. Middlesex Water has a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) under which dividends and optional cash payments can be used to purchase additional shares of Common Stock.

Headquartered in Iselin, NJ, Middlesex Water Company is a provider of water, wastewater and related services in New Jersey and Delaware, with recent approvals to begin operations in Maryland. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's web site at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com) or call (732) 634-1500.

The Middlesex Water Company logo is available at <http://www.primenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3699>

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