



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

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ISELIN, N.J., Aug. 7, 2008 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- 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" by Workplace Dynamics LLC in Malvern, Pa., a survey conducted by The Delaware News Journal.

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. is a water utility serving more than 41,000 homes and businesses in over 375 residential communities and commercial establishments throughout Delaware. The "Best in the Business" list identifies leading workplaces in Delaware based upon the opinions of their employees. The results of the employee survey were compared across organizations, with the best 45 companies out of 107 that participated appearing on the list. This is The News Journal's ninth Best in the Business survey of Delaware managers, employees and community organizations.

Gerard L. Esposito, President of Tidewater Utilities said, "We are delighted to achieve this distinction for the second time. Our employees are the cornerstone of our success; they take pride in their work and in their employer. It is their expertise and dedication that helps Tidewater to continue delivering quality service to our customers."

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. operates over 175 wells and 97 water plants. In 2007, 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 with 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, provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey and Delaware through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

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