

## TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. HONORED AT DELAWARE STATE FAIR

Dover, DE August 5, 2011 – Tidewater Utilities, Inc. a water utility serving over 42,000 businesses and residences throughout Delaware, took top commercial exhibitor honors at the July 2011 Delaware State Fair in Harrington, for its outstanding themed exhibit and display which helped educate fair visitors about the value of water, one of nature's most precious resources.

State fair officials awarded Tidewater the 2011 Director's Award for its outstanding overall presentation and representation of the State Fair's theme which was "Come Be a Kid Again." Judges selected Tidewater for its professional space presentation, theme integration, and staff enthusiasm which helped enhance the overall Delaware State Fair experience. Tidewater's display featured educational materials, coloring books, artwork, handouts and water samplesfor kids of all ages, helping to reinforce the fair's nostalgic theme.

"Tidewater has exhibited during the State Fair for over ten years because the fair provides an excellent venue to educate existing and potential customers about our scope of services, and to demonstrate our involvement in the Southern Delaware community," said Carol Murphy, Tidewater's Community Affairs Manager. "Our team is delighted to be recognized with this honor," she added.

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. is committed to providing quality water, to investing in its infrastructure, to rigorously testing its water supplies and to educating the public about the value of a clean and plentiful drinking water supply. For additional information about Tidewater Utilities, Inc., please visit the Company's website at <a href="www.tuiwater.com">www.tuiwater.com</a> Tidewater is a subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX).

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Photographed: University of Delaware mascot, UDEEE stopped by the Tidewater exhibit to pose with Tidewater's Terry Pauls-Smith



Photographed Below L-R: Bill DiMondi, State Fair General Manager, Wanda Clendaniel, Official Judge Ran Drapper, State Fair, Ryan Artigliere, Tidewater Utilities, Sherri Turner, Official Judge, Doug Gould, Tidewater Utilities, Carol Murphy, Tidewater Utilities, Kimberly Reinagel, Official Judge, Bob Holloway, State Fair and Rick Nietubicz, State Fair Director of Concessions.

