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MWC Board of Directors Declares Common Stock Dividend

ISELIN, NJ, July 25, 2011 - Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) a provider of water, wastewater and related services, primarily in New Jersey and Delaware today announced that the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.1825, payable September 1st, 2011 to common stock shareholders of record as of August 15, 2011.

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

About Middlesex Water Company

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is a water utility serving customers in central and southern New Jersey and in the State of Delaware. The Company and its New Jersey subsidiaries -- Pinelands Water Company and Pinelands Wastewater Company -- are subject to the regulations of the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey. Middlesex Water Company operates the water and wastewater utilities for the City of Perth Amboy through its subsidiary, Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy) Inc. Middlesex Water also provides contract operations services through its non-regulated subsidiary, Utility Service Affiliates, Inc. The Company's regulated Delaware subsidiaries, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., together with Southern Shores Water Company and Tidewater Environmental Services Inc., are subject to the regulations of the Public Service Commission in Delaware. White Marsh Environmental Systems, Inc. operates small water and wastewater systems under contract on a non-regulated basis in Delaware. Middlesex Water serves customers in Shohola, PA through its subsidiary Twin Lakes Utilities, Inc. These companies are also subject to various Federal and State regulatory agencies concerning water, and wastewater effluent quality standards.

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.

THE MIDDLESEX WATER ENTERPRISE

Middlesex Water Company • Tidewater Utilities, Inc. • Pinelands Water & Wastewater Company • Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy) Inc. • Utility Service Affiliates, Inc. • Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc. • Twin Lakes Utilities, Inc. • White Marsh Environmental Systems, Inc.