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MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY NAMED OUTSTANDING 'GREEN' BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

ISELIN, NJ, June 25, 2008-- Middlesex Water Company has been named **“Outstanding ‘Green’ Business of the Year,”** by the Edison, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. Middlesex Water was recognized for its efforts in renewable energy and its role as an environmental steward, during the Chamber’s annual awards program held at The Pines Manor on June 16th.

A member of the Middlesex County, New Jersey Sustainability Committee, Middlesex Water is committed to sustainable use of its water supplies and continually advocates for the wise use of water resources. In 2007, Middlesex produced 47.4 million gallons of safe drinking water per day for its customers in Middlesex County. The company proactively invested \$3.9 million in water main improvements throughout its central New Jersey system and recently completed a \$2.0 million filter rehabilitation program at its largest treatment plant in Edison, to ensure the continued delivery of a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

Middlesex Water is committed to clean, renewable energy and installed a solar energy plant which generates about 10% of the electric needs of the company’s surface water treatment plant. To date, this commitment to “green” energy has resulted in savings passed on to customers as well as environmental benefits including:

- -Reduction of 1,723 lbs of Nitrogen Oxides (smog)
- -Avoidance of 2,679 lbs of Sulfur Oxides (acid rain)
- -Reduction of CO2 by 461 Tons (Carbon Dioxide)

“Middlesex Water is honored to be recognized for our commitment to the environment and for our advocacy of wise water use. We will continue to look for ways to protect and preserve our precious natural resources,” said Dennis W. Doll, President and CEO of Middlesex Water. In addition to being responsible to the environment, the company strives to be socially responsible and works closely with municipalities and community organizations to improve the quality of life in its service area. The company, and its subsidiaries in New Jersey and Delaware, sponsor teachers’ workshops, conduct community outreach activities educating the public about the value of water and the importance of wise water use and participate in numerous other community activities. In March 2008, Middlesex Water Company was named one of America's 100 most trustworthy publicly-traded firms based on its financial reporting and corporate governance practices.

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. Headquartered in Iselin, NJ, Middlesex Water is subject to various Federal and State regulatory agencies concerning water quality standards.

For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's web site at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

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