

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY
NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES
BPU DOCKET NO. WR2305____
OAL DOCKET NO. PUC _____-2023_**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May __, 2023, Middlesex Water Company (“Company”), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, filed a petition with the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) of the State of New Jersey for approval of its revised tariff sheets providing for an increase in its charges for water service. The Company believes that this increase is necessary in order for it to be able to continue to provide safe, adequate and proper service to its customers and to prevent the impairment of its financial integrity.

The Company is requesting an overall increase in revenues of \$33,863,769 or approximately 31.23 % above the adjusted annual pro forma revenues for the 12 months ending September 30, 2023 and to make other revisions of the Company’s tariff.

The Company proposes increases to rates for all classes of customers including General Water Service, Municipal Service (Public Fire Service), Private Fire Service, Service Under Contract, Special Contract Service, and Transmission Service to the South River Basin and Northeast Sector. The proposed rates for all customers are contained in the tariff sheets and petition filed with the Board. The present and proposed rates for quarterly billing for General Water Service are set out below:

COMPARISON OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES

Water Usage

In addition to the fixed charge below, a charge will be made for all water used as registered by the meter.

All Consumption	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase
Rate per Thousand Cubic Feet (TCF)	\$66.5289/TCF	\$89.1407/TCF	\$22.6118/TCF
Rate per Thousand Gallons (TG)	\$ 8.8942/TG	\$11.9172/TG	\$ 3.0230/TG

Quarterly facilities charges have been revised as follows:

Fixed Charge

All general metered water service customers shall pay a fixed service charge based on the size of each meter installed, in addition to the charge for the water used, if any.

GMS Quarterly Facilities Charge

Size of Meter	Present \$Rates\$	Proposed \$Rates\$	\$Increase\$
5/8"	60.60	76.05	15.45
3/4"	90.96	114.30	23.34
1"	151.56	190.20	38.64
1-1/2"	303.06	380.40	77.34
2"	484.92	608.70	123.78
3"	909.18	1,140.90	231.72
4"	1,515.30	1,901.70	386.40
6"	3,030.57	3,803.10	772.53
8"	4,848.87	6,085.20	1,236.33
10"	6,970.23	8,747.40	1,777.17
12"	13,031.25	16,353.60	3,322.35

Billing shall be based on the facilities charge (fixed charge) plus consumption charges for each period.

AN AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER USING 2,000 CUBIC FEET (14,960 GALLONS) OF WATER PER QUARTER WILL SEE HIS/HER BILL INCREASE FROM \$193.66 TO \$254.33, AN INCREASE OF \$60.67 PER QUARTER, OR APPROXIMATELY 31.33%.

The Company proposes the following increases in current rates for Private Fire Service.

Private Fire With Hose Quarterly Facilities Charge

Size of Meter	Present \$Rates\$	Proposed \$Rates\$	\$Increase\$
2"	211.98	262.02	50.04
3"	466.29	576.33	110.04
4"	778.41	962.10	183.69
6"	1,592.91	1,968.84	375.93
8"	2,280.78	2,819.04	538.26
10"	3,658.44	4,521.84	863.40
12"	5,409.63	6,686.31	1,276.68

Private Fire Without Hose Quarterly Facilities Charge

Size of Meter	Present \$Rates\$	Proposed \$Rates\$	\$Increase\$
1"	70.71	87.39	16.68
2"	174.87	216.15	41.28
3"	350.16	432.81	82.65
4"	580.98	718.08	137.10
6"	1,180.80	1,459.47	278.67
8"	1,688.25	2,086.68	398.43
10"	2,703.36	3,341.34	637.98
12"	3,995.34	4,938.24	942.90

The Company proposes to increase rates for Municipal Service (Public Fire Service) by increasing the annual hydrant charge from \$783.72 to \$826.82, while the inch-foot charge will remain unchanged.

Any relief determined by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers of the Company in such manner and, in such amounts or percentages, as the Board may deem appropriate. The Board may choose to impose a greater portion of the increase on any present or future class or classes, group or groups of customers, may exclude from any increase any of the foregoing, or may vary the amount of percentage increase applicable to any of the foregoing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Company intends to implement, subject to any refunds that may be ordered by the Board, the proposed tariffs for service on and after February __, 2024, if the Board has not finally determined a just and reasonable tariff schedule prior to that date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings on the Company's petition have been scheduled for _____, 2023 beginning at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the following Zoom platform: <https://oal-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1619583577?pwd=bUtHWE9jbmhVY1pmSUJSM0h5Y2xCQT09>,

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An Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Law will preside over the public hearings. Members of the public are invited to attend and express their views on the proposed rate increase. Such comments will be made a part of the final record in the proceeding. Whether or not you attend the public hearings, written comments may be submitted to Hon. _____, ALJ, Office of Administrative Law, P.O. Box 049, Trenton, NJ 08625-0049 and/or Hon. Sherri Golden, Secretary, Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350. Please include OAL Docket No. PUC XXXXX-

2023X and BPU Docket No. WR2305XXXX in your comment letter. Written and e-mailed comments will be provided the same weight as statements made at the hearings.

The complete schedules for the proposed rates are part of the petition filed with the Board, which was served upon the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel. The petition was also served on the Clerks of the Municipalities and on the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders in the service area of the Company pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2, and a copy of this notice will also be served on such Clerks. Further information and copies of the petition may be obtained at the Board's offices located at 44 South Clinton

Avenue, 9th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 or at the Company's offices located at 485C Route 1 South, Suite 400, Iselin, New Jersey 08830. The petition, testimony, and all attachments are also available for public inspection on the Company's website at <http://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/regulatory>.

In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, including interpreters or mobility assistance, at least 48 hours prior to this hearing to the Company's Counsel, Jay L. Kooper, Esq., at 485C Route 1 South, Suite 400, Iselin, NJ 08830, phone 732-634-1500.

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