

NOTICE TO MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY CUSTOMERS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED COST RECOVERY
OF LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

BPU DOCKET NUMBER WR23050291

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on May 15, 2023, Middlesex Water Company (“Company”), pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 183, filed a petition (“Petition”) with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”), for approval of the Company’s proposed cost recovery for its plan to replace property-owner-side or customer-side lead service lines (“LSLs”) and other related approvals.

As described in the Petition, buildings receiving water service from a water utility system are connected to that system through pipe commonly referred to as a “service line,” which usually consists of two portions: a “company-owned” portion which connects to the water main owned by the Company (usually in the street) and a customer-owned portion connected to the building receiving water service. The customer-owned portion of the service line is owned and controlled by the owner of the building connected by the service line. Some of these service lines have been discovered to contain lead. P.L. 2021, c. 183 mandates a 10-year timeframe for the replacement by the water utility system of both portions of such service lines in New Jersey and provides that a plan should be implemented consistent with that law for cost recovery of customer-owned portion LSL replacement costs.

Under the Company’s proposed cost recovery plan set forth in the Petition, the total estimated annual cost and the average monthly bill impact for an average residential customer with a 5/8” meter is set forth in the following table:

	Low Range Estimate		High Range Estimate	
	Total Estimated Annual Cost (1)	Average Monthly Bill Impact (2)	Total Estimated Annual Cost (1)	Average Monthly Bill Impact (2)
Year 1	\$4,057,302	\$2.39	\$6,762,169	\$3.98
Year 2	\$4,737,675	\$2.79	\$7,900,961	\$4.65
Year 3	\$4,879,805	\$2.87	\$8,137,990	\$4.79
Year 4	\$5,026,193	\$2.96	\$8,382,120	\$4.93
Year 5	\$5,176,983	\$3.05	\$8,633,591	\$5.08
Year 6	\$5,332,300	\$3.14	\$8,892,610	\$5.23
Year 7	\$5,492,273	\$3.23	\$9,159,396	\$5.39
Year 8	\$5,657,037	\$3.33	\$9,434,170	\$5.55
Year 9	\$5,826,748	\$3.43	\$9,717,196	\$5.72

A copy of the Petition is available for public inspection on the Company’s website at <http://www.middlesexwater.com/customer-care/regulatory>. The Petition is also available to review online through the Board’s website, <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us/> where you can search by the above-captioned docket number, WR23050291. The Petition and Board file may

also be reviewed at the Board, located at 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey, with an appointment. To make an appointment, please call (609) 913-6298.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that virtual public hearings will be conducted on the following date and times so that members of the public may present their views on the Petition:

Date: October 26, 2023

Hearing Times: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Representatives of the Company, Board Staff and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel will participate in the virtual public hearings. Members of the public are invited to participate by utilizing the Meeting ID or the Dial-In Number set forth above and may express their views on this Petition. All comments will be made part of the final record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. In order to encourage full participation in this opportunity for public comment, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters, or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above hearing to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

The Board is also accepting written and electronic comments. Comments may be submitted directly to the specific docket listed above using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool at <https://publicaccess.bpu.state.nj.us>. Comments are considered public documents for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Only documents that are intended to be public should be submitted using the “Post Comments” button on the Board’s Public Document Search tool. Any confidential information should be submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3. In addition to hard copy submissions, confidential information may also be filed electronically via the Board’s e-filing system or by email to the Secretary of the Board at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov. Please include “Confidential Information” in the subject line of any email. Instructions for confidential e-filing are found on the Board’s webpage, <https://www.nj.gov/bpu/agenda/efiling/>.

Emailed and/or written comments may also be submitted to:

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