



April 13, 2017

Dear Shareholder:

I am pleased to invite you to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Middlesex Water Company (the "Company") to be held at our offices at 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin, New Jersey 08830 on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The accompanying formal notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement set forth the details regarding admission to the Annual Meeting, directions and the business to be conducted.

The Proxy Statement contains four proposals recommended by our Board of Directors: 1) the election of three Directors, 2) a non-binding advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation, 3) a non-binding advisory vote as to the frequency (every one, two or three years) of a non-binding shareholder vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers and 4) the ratification of the Audit Committee's appointment of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2017, and to transact any other business that may be properly brought before the Annual Meeting. In addition to specific matters subject to your vote, management will report on Company activities. We welcome this opportunity to meet with our shareholders and look forward to your comments and questions.

Instructions for voting are found in this Proxy Statement and are contained on the proxy or voting instruction card. It is important that your shares be represented and voted, regardless of the size of your holdings. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, I encourage you to vote your shares in advance of the meeting using any one of the convenient methods described.

On behalf of the Board, I appreciate your continued interest and participation in the affairs of Middlesex Water Company. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis W. Doll".

Dennis W. Doll
Chairman