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STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 1st Floor Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE LEVELS OF ITS PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 14:9-71, ET SEQ. ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

BPU DOCKET NO. WR22030138

)) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 02047-2022S

Parties of Record:

Brian O. Lipman, Esq, Esq., Director, New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel Jay L. Kooper, Esq., Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, on behalf of Middlesex Water Company, Petitioner

Louis N. Rainone, Esq. and Michael R. Burns, Esq., Rainone Coughlin & Minchello, LLC, on behalf of the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority and Marlboro Township

BY THE BOARD:1

This matter is before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") concerning Board Staff's ("Staff") request for an additional 45-day extension of time for the Board to issue a Final Decision in this matter.

On April 27, 2023, the Board received Administrative Law Judge Jacob S. Gertsman's Initial Decision, triggering a 45-day statutory period for review and setting the date for the Board to issue a Final Decision on June 11, 2023.²

¹ Commissioner Marian Abdou did not participate.

² N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10(c).

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On June 7, 2023, the Board issued an Order extending the date to issue a Final Decision to July 26, 2023.³ Prior to that date, and having received the consent of all parties, Staff requests an additional 45-day extension of time to adequately review the record in this matter, which would extend the deadline for the Board to issue a Final Decision until September 11, 2023.4 Considering the voluminous record in this matter the consent of all parties, I HEREBY FIND good cause exists for an extension of time and HEREBY GRANT Staff's request for an additional 45 days to adequately review the record prior to the Board rendering a Final Decision in this matter. As such, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10(c) and N.J.A.C. 1:1-18.8, I HEREBY ORDER that the time for the Board to issue a Final Decision is extended to September 11, 2023.⁵

DATED: July 12, 2023

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY. SEPH L. FORDALISO

RESIDENT

ATTEST:

CC:

GOLDEN SECRETARY

Date Board mailed Order to OAL:

7-12-2023

7-12-2023 DATED:

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BARRY E. MOSCOWITZ, ACTING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Date OAL mailed executed Order to Board:

Service List Attached

7-12-2023

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Date Board mailed executed Order to Parties:

³ In re the Petition of Middlesex Water Company for Approval to Change the Levels of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-71, et seg., BPU Docket no. WR22030138, Order dated June 7. 2023.

⁴ Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-1.4, 45 days from July 26, 2023 is September 9, 2023, which is a Saturday. Accordingly, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-1.4, the requested period of extension runs until September 11, 2023, which is a Monday.

⁵ President Joseph L. Fiordaliso is authorized by the Board to execute this Order of Extension on its behalf.

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