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Re: I/M/O the Petition of Middlesex Water Company for Approval to Change the Levels of Its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1, et seq. OAL Docket No. PUC 02047-2022

BPU Docket No. WR22030138

### Dear Clerk:

This firm serves as counsel to Proposed Intervenors, Township of Marlboro and the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority. In that capacity, a Motion to Intervene was submitted by this office on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Upon further review of the motion and additional consultation with the proposed intervenors, it appears that there are a few factual matters that require clarification within the motion itself. Accordingly, please find enclosed the following documents:

- 1. Amended Motion to Intervene;
- 2. Certification of Service

Kindly file the enclosed and return a copy stamped "filed" to my office in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO, LLC

By:

Michael R. Burns, Esq.

Enclosure

cc: Hon. Jacob S. Gertsman, A.L.J

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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. 14:9-7.1, et seq.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

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AMENDED MOTION TO INTERVENE

Proposed Intervenors Township of Marlboro and Old Bridge Municipal Utilities

Authority (collectively, "Proposed Intervenors"). Hereby move before the New Jersey Board of

Public Utilities (the "Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 to permit Proposed Intervenors to

join as Intervenors in the above captioned proceeding with all of those rights and obligations

typically afforded to an intervernor in such proceedings. In support of its motion, the Proposed

Intervenors state as follows:

1. On March 15, 2022, Middlesex Water Company ("Middlesex Water") initiated the above captioned proceeding by filing a Petition requesting approval to change the levels of its purchased water adjustment clause (PWAC) to recover increased purchased water costs, together with deferred costs, PWAC rate case expenses and associated gross receipts and franchise taxes. Middlesex Water seeks an increase in its rate for water services amounting to approximately \$3,725,535, or 3.62% in

- additional annual revenue. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective for services rendered on a date listed for as soon as possible.
- Middlesex Water Company's proposed PWAC increase represents an actual effective
  rate increase of approximately 3.49% for the Marlboro Township Water Utility
  Department and 4.02% for the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority.
- 3. These rate increases are in addition to significant base rate increases already approved as the result of the Petitioner's May 19, 2021 petition in BPU Docket No.
  WR21050813. That petition resolved by Stipulation of Settlement dated November 29, 2021. The Initial Decision by the Office of Administrative Law recommended approval of the Stipulation on December 2, 2021 and the Board Order adopting the Initial Decision and Stipulation was approved December 15, 2021. This petition follows immediately upon the resolution of the prior rate increase in which the PWAC was reset to zero as a condition of the settlement.
- 4. Middlesex Water provides water services to Proposed Intervenors and residential, commercial and industrial users within Proposed Intervenors' municipal boundaries.
- 5. N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 provides in pertinent part that "[e]very municipality may intervene alone or jointly with another municipality or municipalities in any hearing or investigation held by the board, which involves public utility rates, fares or charges, services or facilities, affecting the municipality or municipalities or the public within the municipality or municipalities and may employ such legal counsel, experts and assistants as may be necessary to protect the interest of the municipality or municipalities or the public within the municipality or municipalities."

6. The Proposed Municipal Intervenors are both represented by Rainone Coughlin and

Minchello and seek joint representation in this matter.

7. The Attorney Certification of Michael R. Burns is attached hereto certifying that the

facts and statements herein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and

belief.

8. All communications and correspondence concerning this proceeding should be

directed to:

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WHEREFORE, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2, the Proposed Intervenors

respectfully request that they be permitted to intervene and join with full procedural and

substantive rights, in this proceeding.

Respectfully, Submitted,

Dated: May 2, 2022

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### **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I, **ROCHELLE P. JENKINS**, being of full age and duly sworn upon my oath, deposes and says:

On May 3, 2022 I caused a copy of Amended Motion to Intervene and this Certification of Service to be served via e-mail and regular mail to:

Office of the Clerk Hon. Jacob S. Gertsman, A.L.J.

New Jersey Office of Administrative Law

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I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true, I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Rochelle Jenkins

Dated: May 3, 2022