UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: October 21, 2022

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey0-42222-1114430(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)(Commission incorporation or organization)(I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization)

485C Route 1 South, Suite 400, Iselin, New Jersey 08830

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

732-634-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Title of each class Common Stock	Trading Symbol(s) MSEX	Name of each exchange on which registered NASDAQ
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Common Stock Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerge	MSEX ing growth company as defined in Rule	NASDAQ

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 20, 2022, the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water Company (the "Company") declared a cash dividend of \$0.3125 per share on its common stock, a 7.6% increase from the \$0.29 per share dividend declared in July of 2022, which is payable on December 1, 2022 to shareholders of record as of November 16, 2022. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend declaration is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description of Document

99.1 <u>Press Release issued by Middlesex Water Company, dated October 21, 2022.</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY (Registrant)

/s/A. Bruce O'Connor
A. Bruce O'Connor
Sr. Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 21, 2022

EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Middlesex Water Company Increases Common Dividend by 7.6%

ISELIN, N.J., October 21, 2022 – Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.3125 per share on its common stock, an increase of 7.6% from the \$0.29 per share dividend declared in July of 2022. This increase raises the annual dividend rate to \$1.25 from \$1.16 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable December 1, 2022 to shareholders of record as of November 16, 2022. Middlesex Water Company has paid cash dividends in varying amounts continually since 1912.

"Since 1912, Middlesex Water has demonstrated a consistent record of dividend growth. We are pleased, as we mark our 125th year, to attain a new milestone -- our 50th consecutive year of dividend increases. Our teams remain committed to continually enhancing the quality of our operations, to growing and developing our talented workforce and to further driving shareholder value," said President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis W. Doll.

Organized in 1897, Middlesex Water provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services primarily in New Jersey and Delaware through various subsidiary companies. To learn more about Middlesex Water, including information about its Investment Plan, visit the Investors section at Middlesex Water Company.

ABOUT MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

Established in 1897, Middlesex Water Company serves as a trusted provider offering life-sustaining high quality water service for residential, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes. The Company offers a full range of water, wastewater utility and related services. An investor-owned public utility, Middlesex Water is a professional services provider specializing in municipal and industrial contract operations and water and wastewater system technical operations and maintenance. The company and its subsidiaries form the Middlesex Water family of companies, which collectively serve a population of nearly half a million people in New Jersey and Delaware. Middlesex is focused on meeting the needs of our employees, customers, and shareholders. We invest in our people, our infrastructure and the communities we serve to support reliable and resilient utility services, economic growth and quality of life.

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, among others, our long-term strategy and expectations, the status of our acquisition program, the impact of our acquisitions, the impact of current and projected rate requests and the impact of our capital program on our environmental compliance. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements including: general economic business conditions, unfavorable weather conditions, the success of certain cost containment initiatives, changes in regulations or regulatory treatment, availability and the cost of capital, the success of growth initiatives and other factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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