UNITED STATES

	•	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSI Washington, D.C. 20549	ON
		FORM 8-K	
		CURRENT REPORT	
	Pursuant	to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchang	e Act of 1934
	Date o	f Report (Date of earliest event reported): July	25, 2019
		MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charte	er)
	NEW JERSEY (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<u>0-422</u> (Commission File Number)	22-1114430 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
		UTE 1 SOUTH, SUITE 400, ISELIN, NEW JE (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Coo	
		(732)-634-1500 (Registrant's telephone number, including area co	de)
	(For	$rac{{f N}/{f A}}{}$ mer name or former address, if changed since last	report)
	eck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K fili ovisions:	ing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing	obligation of the registrant under any of the following
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 u	nder the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))		
Sec	curities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the	Act:	
	Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
	Common Stock licate by check mark whether the registrant is an e Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 193		NASDAQ of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter)
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	an emerging growth company, indicate by check maked financial accounting standards provided purs		ended transition period for complying with any new or

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 24, 2019, the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water Company (the "Company") declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.24 per common share payable on September 3, 2019 for shareholders of record as of August 15, 2019. 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 Press Release issued by Middlesex Water Company, dated July 25, 2019.

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)

<u>s/A. Bruce O'Connor</u>A. Bruce O'ConnorSr. Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 25, 2019

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY DECLARES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

ISELIN, NJ July 25, 2019 -- Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.24 per share on its common stock payable on September 3, 2019 to holders of record as of August 15, 2019. Middlesex Water has paid cash dividends in varying amounts continually since 1912 and has increased its annual dividend rate for 46 consecutive years.

Middlesex Water currently has a 5% Discount in effect on its Common Stock for participants in the Company's Investment Plan on purchases made by optional cash payment or dividend reinvestment. The Discount, which commenced January 2, 2019, is anticipated to continue until 200,000 shares are purchased at the discounted price or December 30, 2019, whichever occurs first.

Organized in 1897, Middlesex Water provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies.

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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