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: December 11, 2013

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

<u>0-422</u> (Commission File Number) 22-1114430 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1500 RONSON ROAD, P.O. BOX 1500, ISELIN, NEW JERSEY 08830

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

<u>(732)-634-1500</u>

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item. 5.02. Departure of Director or Principal Officers; Election of Director; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Announcement of retirement of Kenneth J. Quinn, Vice President – General Counsel, Secretary - Treasurer of Middlesex Water Company as set forth in the attached press release.

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/Kenneth J. QuinnKenneth J. QuinnVice President, General Counsel,Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: December 11, 2013

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF KENNETH J. QUINN, VICE PRESIDENT-GENERAL COUNSEL, SECRETARY-TREASURER

ISELIN, NJ, December 11, 2013 - Kenneth J. Quinn, Vice President – General Counsel, Secretary-Treasurer of Middlesex Water Company, (NASDAQ:MSEX) has announced that he will retire effective March 1, 2014. Mr. Quinn joined the Company as General Counsel in 2002 and was elected Assistant Secretary in 2003. He was named Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer in 2004. A member of the Company's Executive Committee, Mr. Quinn has been responsible for all legal matters, corporate governance and risk management. Prior to joining the Company, he had been employed in private law practice as well as by two major banking institutions in New Jersey. He is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and its Public Utility Law Section.

"Ken has played a key leadership role in legal matters related to our company's growth and expansion throughout the years. In addition, his focus on diligent corporate governance and oversight of the Company's Enterprise Risk Management program has made Middlesex Water a stronger entity," said Dennis W. Doll, Middlesex Water Chairman, President & CEO. "Ken has demonstrated leadership in the industry through his service as Chair of both the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Water Companies and the New Jersey Public Utility Law Section. We thank Ken for his commitment and dedication to our company and our industry and wish him good health and happiness in his retirement," added Doll.

About Middlesex Water Company

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is an investor-owned water utility, serving customers in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Headquartered in Iselin, NJ, Middlesex Water is subject to various Federal and State regulatory agencies concerning water quality standards. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's Web site at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

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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