

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 26, 2007

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

0-422  
(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)

(732)-634-1500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

---

Section 7 – Regulation FD.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On October 26, Middlesex Water Company announced an increase in its quarterly dividend from \$0.1725 to \$0.1750 payable December 3, 2007 to common stock shareholders of record as of November 15, 2007. A copy of the Press Release dated October 26, 2007 announcing the increase is attached hereto.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

**Item 9.01 – (d) Exhibits**

Press release dated October 26, 2007 announcing an increase in its quarterly dividend from \$0.1725 to \$0.1750 payable December 3, 2007 to common stock shareholders of record as of November 15, 2007.

---

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. Quinn

Kenneth J. Quinn

Vice President, General Counsel,  
Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: October 26, 2007

## Middlesex Water Company Announces a Dividend Increase

ISELIN, N.J., Oct. 26, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Middlesex Water Company (Nasdaq:MSEX) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved an increase in the Company's quarterly cash dividend. The dividend will increase to \$0.1750 from \$0.1725. The new dividend rate is payable December 3, 2007 to shareholders of record as of November 15, 2007. This dividend increase raises the annual dividend to \$0.70 from \$0.69 per share of common stock.

The Company has paid cash dividends in varying amounts continually since 1912. Middlesex Water has a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) under which dividends and optional cash payments can be used to purchase additional shares of Common Stock.

Headquartered in Iselin, NJ, Middlesex Water Company is a provider of water, wastewater and related services in New Jersey and Delaware, with recent approvals to begin operations in Maryland. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's web site at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com) or call (732) 634-1500.

The Middlesex Water Company logo is available at <http://www.primenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3699>

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.

CONTACT: Middlesex Water Company  
Bernadette Sohler, Vice President - Corporate Affairs  
(732) 634-1500 Ext. 281