

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: September 27, 2005

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(732)-634-1500

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Middlesex Water Company

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

Middlesex Water Company President and CEO, Dennis G. Sullivan, Announces Retirement in 2006

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

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Kenneth J. Quinn  
Vice President, General Counsel,  
Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: September 27, 2005

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Middlesex Water CEO, Dennis G. Sullivan,  
Announces Retirement in 2006

Iselin, NJ (September 27, 2005) Dennis G. Sullivan yesterday announced that he will retire as President and Chief Executive Officer of Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX), effective January 1, 2006. Mr. Sullivan is to remain on the Company's Board of Directors until the end of his term in May 2006 and serve in a consultant capacity.

Mr. Sullivan has served as Chief Executive Officer since January 2003 and President of the Company since May 2001. He was elected to the Company's Board of Directors in 1999. He joined the Company in 1984 as Corporate Attorney, was named Vice President and General Counsel in 1990 and Senior Vice President in 1999. Under his leadership, the Company achieved numerous milestones including the construction of a second 60-inch diameter raw water pipeline to ensure back-up water supply, further expansion into wastewater, related services and non-regulated operations, consistent double-digit growth in Delaware, installation of solar energy at its New Jersey water treatment plant, heightened security at its facilities, and the integration of several new members into the Company's management team.

Dennis W. Doll, who joined the Company in November 2004 as Executive Vice-President, will assume the responsibilities of President and CEO, and will become a member of the Company's Board of Directors on January 1, 2006. Mr. Doll brings to the company nearly 20 years of diverse experience in both regulated and non-regulated utility management and, prior to joining Middlesex, served as a member of the executive management team of the Northeast Region of American Water, the nation's largest investor-owned water purveyor.

"Middlesex Water Company has a dynamic strategic vision in place for the future in which our customers, employees and shareholders can have every confidence," said Mr. Sullivan. "I am confident in Mr. Doll's strong leadership and his ability to build upon the Company's many achievements," added Sullivan.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is an investor-owned water utility and is engaged in the business of supplying water in New Jersey and Delaware for domestic, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's website at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com) or call (732) 634-1500.

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