

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, 2015

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)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item. 8.01. Other Events

On October 21, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had declared a quarterly cash dividend payable on December 1, 2015 for shareholders of record as of November 12, 2015. The Board also approved a 3.25% increase in the quarterly dividend on the Company's common shares from \$0.1925 to \$0.19875.

The information contained in the news release is incorporated herein by reference and furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 On October 21, 2015, a press release was issued announcing the increase and declaration of quarterly cash dividends.

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
Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 21, 2015

Middlesex Water Company Increases Dividend 3.25 Percent

Utility Marks 43rd Consecutive Year of Dividend Increases

ISELIN, N.J., October 21, 2015 -- Middlesex Water Company (Nasdaq:MSEX) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.19875 per share on its common stock, a 3.25 percent increase from the \$0.1925 per share dividend in the third quarter of 2015. This increase raises the annual dividend to \$0.795 from \$0.77 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable on December 1, 2015 to shareholders of record as of November 12, 2015. Middlesex Water has paid cash dividends in varying amounts continually since 1912.

“This declaration represents the 43rd consecutive year we have raised the dividend,” said Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis W. Doll. “We’re pleased to share continued success with our shareholders. This action demonstrates our ongoing commitment as well as confidence in our ability to deliver improving shareholder value.”

About Middlesex Water Company

Organized in 1897, Middlesex Water provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies. To learn more about Middlesex Water, including information about its Direct Share Purchase and Sale and Dividend Reinvestment Plan, visit the Investor Relations section at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 638-7549.

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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