

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 10, 2009

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

Announcement of Final Decision from the Delaware Public Service Commission on Rate Increase filed by Tidewater Utilities, Inc., a subsidiary 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. Quinn
Kenneth J. Quinn
Vice President, General Counsel,
Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: September 10, 2009

PSC Approves Tidewater Utilities Rate Settlement

ISELIN, NJ – 09/10/09 -- Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ: MSEX), a provider of water, wastewater and related services, announced that the Delaware Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved an overall increase of 14.95% in the base water rates of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. The increase resulted from a settled agreement with the Staff of the PSC and the Delaware Department of the Public Advocate. In an application filed with the PSC in January 2009, Tidewater sought an increase in base rates to reflect increased costs of operations, maintenance and taxes as well as capital improvements of approximately \$26.7 million made since the Company's last rate filing in April 2006.

Under PSC regulations, Tidewater had implemented a 12.79% interim increase on March 26, 2009. The remaining 2.16% increase became effective September 9, 2009. Under interim base rates, the typical Tidewater residential customer with a 5/8" water meter and water consumption of 15,000 gallons is billed \$146.06 per quarter. Under the final base rate increase, that bill would increase to \$149.27.

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. provides water services to approximately 35,500 retail customers for domestic, commercial and fire protection purposes in over 300 separate community water systems in New Castle, Kent and Sussex Counties, Delaware. For more information on Tidewater Utilities, Inc., visit the company's website at www.tuiwater.com. For more information on its parent company, Middlesex Water Company, visit www.middlesexwater.com

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