

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 30, 2008

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 30, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing an increase in the quarterly dividend on the Company's common shares from \$0.1750 to \$0.1775, and declared a quarterly cash dividend payable on December 1, 2008 for shareholders of record as of November 14, 2008.

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 30, 2008, 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/Kenneth J. Quinn
Kenneth J. Quinn
Vice President, General Counsel,
Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: October 30, 2008

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY INCREASES DIVIDEND

ISELIN, NJ, October 30, 2008 Middlesex Water Company, (NASDAQ:MSEX), a provider of water and wastewater and related services in New Jersey and Delaware, announced that on October 28, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase in the Company's quarterly cash dividend to \$0.1775 from \$0.1750. The new dividend rate is payable December 1, 2008 to shareholders of record as of November 14, 2008. This dividend increase raises the annual dividend to \$0.71 from \$0.70 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), available to registered shareholders, under which dividends and optional cash payments can be used to purchase additional shares of Common stock.

About Middlesex Water Company

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey and Delaware through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company including information about the Company's DRP Program, visit the Company's Web site at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

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