

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: May 27, 2010

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. 5.02. Departure of Director or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers.

Announcement of leadership changes at 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: May 27, 2010

Middlesex Water Company Announces Leadership Changes

Iselin, NJ, May 27, 2010 – Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) today announced that in connection with the company's ongoing succession plan, J. Richard Tompkins has relinquished his position as Chairman of its Board of Directors. Tompkins will continue his service under his term as a director. In addition to his role as Middlesex President & CEO, Dennis W. Doll has been named Chairman, effective immediately. Mr. Doll had assumed the role of Vice Chairman in May 2009.

Tompkins has served as Chairman of the Board of Middlesex Water since May 1990 and was President of the company from 1981 to 2003. He was reelected to his present 3-year term as a director in May 2008.

"Rich Tompkins continues to be a key source of knowledge regarding our company and our industry and his contributions to both over these nearly thirty years have been substantial. Our Board remains committed to orderly transitions of leadership, as evidenced by the ongoing execution of a thoughtful succession plan. I am personally grateful for the guidance and support Rich continues to provide to me, and our entire Board has a deep appreciation for Rich's continued contributions," added Doll.

About Middlesex Water Company

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services primarily in New Jersey and Delaware through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company visit our website at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

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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