

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: March 12, 2014

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 DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

On March 12, 2014, Middlesex Water Company (the “Company”) announced that it has named Jay L. Kooper to the position of Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Kenneth J. Quinn on March 1, 2014. Mr. Kooper’s employment becomes effective March 17, 2014 as outlined in the attached press release.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The following is filed herewith as an exhibit.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Company press release dated March 12, 2014

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 and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 12, 2014

**MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY NAMES JAY L. KOOPER  
VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY**



ISELIN, NJ, March 12, 2014 Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) has named Jay L. Kooper to the position of Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, effective March 17, 2014.

Mr. Kooper brings 15 years of experience representing electric, gas, water, wastewater, telephone and cable companies as well as municipalities and private clients before 15 state public utility commissions and legislatures, federal agencies and federal and state appellate courts. He most recently served as Director of Regulatory Affairs for Hess Corporation. Mr. Kooper also served as President of the Retail Energy Supply Association, a national trade association of competitive retail energy suppliers. Prior employment includes service as an associate in the Public Utilities Law Practice Group with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. and as Energy Policy Attorney with the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

"We are delighted to welcome Jay to our team," said Dennis W. Doll, Middlesex Water Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "His diverse background is a tremendous complement to the broad-based backgrounds and skills of our executive team. We look forward to Jay playing a valuable role in our Company's continued growth and success," added Doll.

Mr. Kooper's affiliations include the New Jersey State Bar Association's Public Utility Law Section, the Energy Bar Association, and the New York City Energy Policy Task Force. He received his Juris Doctor from George Washington University Law School and is a graduate of Emory University with a B.A. in Political Science and History.

Mr. Kooper succeeds Kenneth J. Quinn who held the position for twelve years before retiring on March 1, 2014.

**About Middlesex Water Company**

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

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