

MIDDLESEX WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
July 19, 2012

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: July 19, 2012

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY                      0-422                      22-1114430  
(State or other jurisdiction of    (Commission (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) File Number) 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

Announcement that effective July 20, 2012, Middlesex Water Company has received approval from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for a \$8.1 million increase in its base water rates, as set forth in the attached press release.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

**Item 9.01 – (d) Exhibits**

Press release dated July 19, 2012 announcing that effective July 20, 2012; Middlesex Water Company has received approval from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for a \$8.1 million increase in its base water rates.

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: July 19, 2012

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