

MIDDLESEX WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
March 18, 2010

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 18, 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.)
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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 that effective March 17, 2010, Middlesex Water Company has received approval from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for a \$7.8 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 March 18, 2010 announcing that effective March 17, 2010; Middlesex Water Company has received approval from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for a \$7.8 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: March 18, 2010