

MIDDLESEX WATER CO  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 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: October 23, 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.)

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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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**Item. 8.01. Other Events**

On October 23, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had declared a quarterly cash dividend payable on December 3, 2012 for shareholders of record as of November 15, 2012. The Board also approved an increase in the quarterly dividend on the Company's common shares from \$0.1850 to \$0.1875.

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 23, 2012, 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 23, 2012