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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: April 28, 2006

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)(Commission
File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

0-422

22-1114430

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

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Announcement regarding Tidewater Utilities, Inc., a subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company, filing petition for an increase in rates 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: April 28, 2006

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