SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20S49

FORM 8-K

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: June 26, 2001

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY 0-422 22-114430

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission (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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Item 5. Other Events

Richard A. Russo, Executive Vice President and Director of Middlesex Water Company, retired from the Company and resigned from the Board of Directors on June 26, 2001.

Dennis G. Sullivan was elected President of the Company on May 23, 2001.

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/ Marion F. Reynolds

Marion F. Reynolds Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: June 26, 2001