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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 13, 2009 (August 12, 2009)

Commission File Number 0-8084

Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

06-0739839

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

93 West Main Street, Clinton, CT (Address of principal executive office)

06413

(Zip Code)

(860) 669-8636

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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- o 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

On August 12, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing an increase in the quarterly dividend on the Company's common shares from \$0.2225 per quarter to \$0.2275 per quarter, and declared a quarterly cash dividend payable on September 15, 2009 for shareholders of record as of September 1, 2009. This is the fortieth consecutive year that the Company has increased its dividend payout to holders of the Company's common shares.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following are filed herewith as exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated August 12, 2009 relating to increase and declaration of quarterly dividend.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Connecticut Water Service, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: August 13, 2009 By: /s/ David C. Benoit

David C. Benoit

Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer