CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE INC / CT Form 8-K May 09, 2018

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 (Date of earliest event reported): May 9, 2018

Connecticut Water Service, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut (State or other Jurisdiction 0-8084 (Commission 06-0739839 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

93 West Main Street

Clinton, CT

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 860-669-8636

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 9, 2018, Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (the <u>Company</u>) issued a press release announcing its first quarter 2018 financial results. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information under this Item 2.02 of this current report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and, as a result, such information shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the <u>Exchange Act</u>), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously disclosed, in connection with the proposed merger with SJW Group, on May 4, 2018 (the <u>Redemption</u> <u>Date</u>), the Company redeemed all of the issued and outstanding shares of its cumulative Series A, \$20 par value, voting preferred stock and cumulative Series \$0.90, \$16 par value, non-voting preferred stock (collectively, the <u>Preferred Stock</u>). As of the Redemption Date, the Preferred Stock is deemed to no longer be outstanding, dividends thereon ceased to accrue and all rights with respect to the Preferred Stock have ceased and terminated, except for the right of the holders thereof to receive the applicable redemption price for the shares of Preferred Stock so redeemed, but without interest, upon surrender of such shares.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Some of these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as believes, expects, may, will, should, seeks, approximately, intends, plans, estimates, projects, or the negative of those words or other comparable terminology.

The accuracy of such statements is subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions including, but not limited to, the following factors: (1) the risk that the conditions to the closing of the transaction are not satisfied, including the risk that required approvals from the shareholders of the Company or the stockholders of SJW Group for the transaction are not obtained; (2) the risk that the regulatory approvals required for the transaction are not obtained, or that in order to obtain such regulatory approvals, conditions are imposed that adversely affect the anticipated benefits from the proposed transaction or cause the parties to abandon the proposed transaction; (3) the risk that the anticipated tax treatment of the transaction is not obtained; (4) the effect of water, utility, environmental and other governmental policies and regulations; (5) litigation relating to the transaction; (6) uncertainties as to the timing of the consummation of the transaction and the ability of each party to consummate the transaction; (7) risks that the proposed transaction disrupts the current plans and operations of SJW Group or the Company; (8) the ability of SJW Group and the Company to retain and hire key personnel; (9) competitive responses to the proposed transaction; (10) unexpected costs, charges or expenses resulting from the transaction; (11) potential adverse reactions or changes to business relationships resulting from the announcement or completion of the transaction; (12) the combined companies ability to achieve the growth prospects and synergies expected from the transaction, as well as delays, challenges and expenses associated with integrating the combined companies existing businesses; and (13) legislative and economic developments. These risks, as well as other risks associated with the proposed transaction, are more fully discussed in the joint proxy statement/prospectus that is included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by SJW Group with the SEC on April 25, 2018 in connection with the proposed transaction.

In addition, actual results are subject to other risks and uncertainties that relate more broadly to the Company s overall business and financial condition, including those more fully described in the Company s filings with the SEC including

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its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and SJW Group s overall business, including those more fully described in SJW Group s filings with the SEC including its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Forward looking statements are not guarantees of performance, and speak only as of the date made, and neither the Company or its management nor SJW Group or its management undertakes any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release, dated May 9, 2018, issued by the Company. |

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: May 9, 2018

By: /s/ Robert J. Doffek Robert J. Doffek Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Controller