

# CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE INC / CT

## FORM S-3/A

(Securities Registration Statement (simplified form))

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| Telephone   | 8606698630                        |
| CIK         | 0000276209                        |
| Symbol      | CTWS                              |
| SIC Code    | 4941 - Water Supply               |
| Industry    | Water Utilities                   |
| Sector      | Utilities                         |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31                             |



If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registrations statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

(Do not check if smaller reporting company)

Accelerated Filer

Smaller Reporting Company

| CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE                    |                         |   |   |                                |
|--|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Title of each class of securities to be registered | Amount to be Registered | Proposed maximum offering price per share (2) | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (2) | Amount of registration fee (3) |
| Common Stock, Without Par Value                    | 250,000 shares (1)      | \$25.75                                       | \$6,437,500                                   | \$252.99                       |
| Common Stock, Without Par Value                    | 96,066                  | (4)   | (4)   | (4)                            |

- (1) The 250,000 newly-registered shares covered by this registration statement may be sold, from time to time, by the Registrant, pursuant to the Registrant's Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). This Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock that become issuable under the Plan by reason of any stock dividend or stock split or as the result of other anti-dilution provisions, pursuant to Rule 416 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").
  - (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act. The proposed maximum offering price per share was based upon the average of the high and low prices per share of the Common Stock as quoted on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on September 29, 2008.
  - (3) Previously paid on October 8, 2008.
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- (4) Pursuant to Rule 429(a) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement contains a combined prospectus that relates to the Registrant's previously filed and effective registration statement on Form S-3 for the Plan (File No. 33-53211) and, pursuant to Rule 429(b) under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement constitutes a post-effective amendment to such previous registration statement. The securities from the previous registration statement being registered hereby are 96,066 shares of Common Stock remaining unsold under such previous registration statement. Since the registration fee with respect to such securities was paid previously in connection with the registration of such securities under the previous registration statement, no registration fee is payable with respect to these 96,066 shares of Common Stock.

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THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

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## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This filing is made to correct the version of Exhibit 23 (consent of independent registered public accounting firm) previously filed on December 17, 2008 with Amendment No. 2 to Form S-3 Registration Statement (File No. 333-153910) of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. (the "Company"), related to Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan, amended and restated as of August 19, 2008 (the "Plan"). Because no changes have been made to the prospectus comprising Part I of the Registration Statement, only Part II and the corrected Exhibit 23 are included in this corrected filing.

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## PART II

### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The expenses to be paid by the Registrant in connection with the distribution of the securities being registered are as set forth in the following table:

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| Registration Fee Under the Securities Act of 1933 | \$ 254.00    |
| *Legal Fees and Expenses                          | \$ 10,000    |
| *Accounting Fees and Expenses                     | \$ 2,000     |
| *Printing and Engraving and Miscellaneous         | \$ 1,500     |
| *Plan Administrators Fees and Expenses            | \$ 2,500     |
| *Total  | \$ 14,154.00 |

\* Estimated.

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 33-771(a) of the Connecticut Business Corporation Act (“CBCA”) provides that the Registrant shall, subject to the determination and authorization requirements of Section 33-775, indemnify an individual who is a party to a proceeding because he or she is a director of the Registrant against liability incurred in the proceeding if such individual acted in good faith and reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his or her official capacity, that his or her conduct was in the best interests of the Registrant, and, in all other cases, that his or her conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the Registrant. For indemnification in the case of any criminal proceeding, a director must have had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Section 33-776 of the CBCA provides that the Registrant shall, subject to the determination and authorization requirements of Section 33-775, indemnify an individual who is a party to a proceeding because he or she is an officer of the Company to the same extent as if the individual was a director of the Registrant under Section 33-771.

The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent is not, of itself, determinative that a director did not meet the relevant standard of conduct described in Section 33-771 of the CBCA. Section 771 (d) of the CBCA provides that, unless ordered by a court, the Registrant shall not indemnify a director under Section 33-771 of the CBCA in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the Registrant, except for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding if it is determined that the director has met the relevant standard of conduct under Section 33-771 of the CBCA, or in connection with any proceeding with respect to conduct for which the director was found liable on the basis that he or she received a financial benefit to which he or she was not entitled, whether or not involving action in his or her official capacity.

Section 33-772 of the CBCA requires the Registrant to indemnify a director who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which such director was a party because he or she was a director of the Registrant against reasonable expenses incurred by him in connection with the proceeding.

Section 33-773 of the CBCA provides that the Registrant may advance funds to pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by a director who is a party to a proceeding because he or she is a director. The director is required to deliver a written affirmation of his good faith belief that he has met the relevant standard of conduct described in Section 33-771 of the CBCA and an undertaking to repay any funds advanced if such director is not entitled to mandatory indemnification and it is ultimately determined that he or she has not met the relevant standard of conduct.

Section 33-775 of the CBCA provides that the Registrant shall not indemnify a director under Section 33-771 unless authorized for a specific proceeding after a determination has been made that indemnification of the director is permissible because he or she has met the relevant standard of conduct set forth in Section 33-711. For directors, the determination and authorization required by Section 33-775 may be made by, if there are two or more disinterested directors, a majority vote of all the disinterested directors or by a majority vote of the members of a committee of two or more disinterested directors, by special legal counsel, or by the shareholders. For officers, the determination and authorization required by Section 33-775 may be also be made by the general counsel of the Registrant or such other or additional officer or officers as the board of directors may specify.

Articles Sixth and Seventh of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Registrant provide for indemnification of directors, officers and other persons as follows:

**SIXTH:** The personal liability of any person who is or was a director of the Company to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of duty as a director is hereby limited to the amount of the compensation received by the director for serving the Company during the year or years in which the violation occurred so long as such breach did not (i) involve a knowing and culpable violation of law by the director, (ii) enable the director or an associate, as defined in Section 33-840 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to receive an improper personal economic gain, (iii) show a lack of good faith and a conscious disregard for the duty of the director to the Company under circumstances in which the director was aware that his or her conduct or omission created an unjustifiable risk of serious injury to the Company, (iv) constitute a sustained and unexcused pattern of inattention that amounted to an abdication of the director's duty to the Company, or (v) create liability under Section 33-757 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Any lawful repeal or modification of this provision of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company by the stockholders and the Board of Directors of the Company shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a person who is or was a director of the Company existing at or prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

SEVENTH: A. The Company shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify its directors from and against any and all of the liabilities, expenses and other matters referred to in or covered by the Connecticut Business Corporation Act. In furtherance and not in limitation thereof, the Company shall indemnify each director for liability, as defined in subsection (5) of Section 33-770 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to any person for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as a director, except liability that (i) involved a knowing and culpable violation of law by the director, (ii) enabled the director or an associate, as defined in Section 33-840 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to receive an improper personal economic gain, (iii) showed a lack of good faith and a conscious disregard for the duty of the director to the Company under circumstances in which the director was aware that his or her conduct or omission created an unjustifiable risk of serious injury to the Company, (iv) constituted a sustained and unexcused pattern of inattention that amounted to an abdication of the director's duty to the Company, or (v) created liability under Section 33-757 of the Connecticut General Statutes; provided that nothing in this sentence shall affect the indemnification of or advance of expenses to a director for any liability stemming from acts or omissions occurring prior to the effective date of this Article SEVENTH.

The Company shall indemnify each officer of the Company who is not a director, or who is a director but is made a party to a proceeding in his or her capacity solely as an officer, to the same extent as the Company is permitted to provide the same to a director, and may indemnify such persons to the extent permitted by Section 33-776 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

B. Expenses incurred by a director or officer of the Company in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid for or reimbursed by the Company to the fullest extent permitted by law in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall be ultimately determined that such director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company.

C. The Company may indemnify and pay for or reimburse the expenses of employees and agents not otherwise entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Article SEVENTH on such terms and conditions as may be established by the Board of Directors.

D. No amendment to or repeal of this Article SEVENTH shall apply to or have any effect on the indemnification of any director, officer, employee or agent of the Company for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director, officer, employee or agent occurring prior to such amendment or repeal, nor shall any such amendment or repeal apply to or have any effect on the obligations of the Company to pay for or reimburse in advance expenses incurred by a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company in defending any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or with respect to any acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

Section 33-777 of the CBCA authorizes the Registrant to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of the Registrant's directors and officers. The directors and officers of the Registrant are covered by liability insurance. The Registrant has also purchased an insurance policy covering the possible liability of its officers and employees, as well as directors and former directors, for any losses or liability they might incur in their positions as administrators of The Connecticut Water Company Employees' Retirement Plan and Trust.

**Item 16. Exhibits**

4 Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan, amended and restated as of August 19, 2008\*.

5 Opinion of Murtha Cullina LLP\*

23 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

24 Power of Attorney\*

99.1 Sample Authorization Form\*

99.2 Sample Automatic Deduction Form\*

\* = Previously filed on October 8, 2008.

**Item 17. Undertakings**

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (A) (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the Prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (A)(1)(i), (A)(1)(ii) and (A)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form F-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) If the Registrant is relying on Rule 430B:

(a) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(b) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(ii) If the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities: The undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(B) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(C) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Clinton and State of Connecticut on the 18th day of December, 2008.

**CONNECTICUT WATER SERVICE, INC .**

By: /s/ Eric W. Thornburg

Name: Eric W. Thornburg

Title: President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on behalf of Connecticut Water Service, Inc. in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u>   | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Date</u>       |
|--|---|-------------------|
| <u>/s/ Eric W. Thornburg</u><br>Eric W. Thornburg<br>(Principal Executive Officer) | Director, President, Chairman of the Board and<br>Chief Executive Officer | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ David C. Benoit</u><br>David C. Benoit<br>(Principal Financial Officer)     | Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial<br>Officer and Treasurer        | December 18, 2008 |

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| <u>Signature</u>  | <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u>       |
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| <u>/s/ Nicholas A. Rinaldi</u><br>Nicholas A. Rinaldi<br>(Principal Accounting Officer) | Controller   | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ Mary Ann Hanley*</u><br>Mary Ann Hanley  | Director     | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ Heather Hunt*</u><br>Heather Hunt  | Director     | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/ s/ Mark G. Kachur*</u><br>Mark G. Kachur   | Director     | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ David A. Lentini*</u><br>David A. Lentini  | Director     | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ Arthur C. Reeds*</u><br>Arthur C. Reeds  | Director     | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ Lisa J. Thibdaue*</u><br>Lisa J. Thibdaue  | Director     | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ Carol P. Wallace*</u><br>Carol P. Wallace  | Director     | December 18, 2008 |
| <u>/s/ Donald B. Wilbur*</u><br>Donald B. Wilbur  | Director     | December 18, 2008 |

\*=Signed by Eric W. Thonrburg, as attorney-in-fact.

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.

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Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated March 17, 2008 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Connecticut Water Service, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. We also consent to the reference to us under the headings "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Stamford, Connecticut  
December 17, 2008

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