AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

February 06, 2008

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) January 31, 2008

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 001-14431 95-4676679

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

630 East Foothill Blvd.

San Dimas, California 91773

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (909) 394-3600

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 001-12008 95-1243678

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

630 East Foothill Blvd.

San Dimas, California 91773

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

San Dimas, California, February 6, 2008.... American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) announced that it expects higher operating expenses and lower water sales for the fourth quarter 2007. The Company also announced that the California Public Utilities Commission approved rate increases in the water customer service areas of its Golden State Water Company subsidiary. The new rates were effective January 1, 2008.

This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 9 – Financial Statement and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit	<u>Description</u>
<u>No.</u>	
99.1	Press Release: American States Water Company Announces Higher Operating Expenses and Lower Sales
	for the Fourth Quarter of 2007 and Approval by CPUC of 2008 Rate Increases

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.

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

Date: February 6, 2008 /s/ Robert J. Sprowls

Robert J. Sprowls

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Secretary and Treasurer