ARTESIAN RESOURCES CORP Form 8-K December 21, 2011

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): December 21, 2011

ARTESIAN RESOURCES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-18516 51-0002090
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

664 Churchmans Road, Newark, Delaware 19702 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including 302-453-6900 area code:

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 21, 2011, Artesian Water Maryland, Inc. ("Artesian Water Maryland"), a subsidiary of Artesian Resources Corporation ("Artesian Resources"), completed its purchase from Cecil County, Maryland (the "County") of all of the County's right, title and interest in and to the Meadowview, Pine Hills, Harbourview and Route 7 water facilities and the associated parcels of real property, easement rights and water transmission and distribution systems pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated October 7, 2008 (as amended, the "Asset Purchase Agreement").

The total price for the purchased assets was \$2,176,000, which, pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, was equal to the net asset value of the purchased assets at closing. Artesian Water Maryland paid the full purchase price and assumed certain liabilities at closing. As previously disclosed, on August 31, 2011, the Maryland Public Service Commission issued an order granting Artesian Water Maryland authority to exercise the franchise area served by the water facilities acquired under the Asset Purchase Agreement. The existing water systems subject to the Asset Purchase Agreement serve approximately 1,500 customers.

A copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to Artesian Resources' Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 10, 2008, is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Asset Purchase Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Asset Purchase Agreement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Exhibit

10.1

Asset Purchase Agreement, dated October 7, 2008 by and among Artesian Water Maryland, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Cecil County, Maryland, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Maryland, as represented by the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Artesian Resources' Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 10, 2008)

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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.

ARTESIAN RESOURCES

CORPORATION

Date: December 21,

By: /s/ David B. Spacht

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David B. Spacht

Chief Financial Officer

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