

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

August 23, 2004

**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 20, 2004

American States Water Company (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **333-47647 95-4676679** (Commission File Number) (IR)

(909) 394-3600 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

NA (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 20 2004 American States Water Company announced that the CPUC approved retroactive rate increases for

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed

EXHIBIT INDEX	Exhibit No.	Description
	99.1	Press Release dated August 20, 2004