## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Esposito Gerard L</u>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MIDDLESEX WATER CO [ MSEX ]									(Check all a		olicable) ctor		ssuer Owner (specify			
(Last) 1500 RO	(Fi	,	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Tra 10/03/2012				nsaction (Month/Day/Year)						X	Officer (give title below)  Pres		below	
(Street) ISELIN (City)	NJ (St		08830 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								5. Indiv ine) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date			2. Transa Date (Month/D	Day/Year) i		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. ) 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				and Sec Ber Ow		mount of urities eficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	е		ted action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Entry)	Stock (Rest	tricted Stock Bo	ok	10/01	/2012				J		1,121		D	\$19	9.35	,	4,674	D	
Common Entry)	Stock (Rest	tricted Stock Bo	ok	10/01	/2012				J		651		A	\$19	9.35	!	5,325	D	
Common	Stock (Boo	k Entry)		10/01	/2012				J		1,121		A	\$19	9.35		1,746	D	
Common	Stock (DRI	P Certificates)															5,683	D	
Common Stock (DRP)														1,394		D			
Common	Stock (Join	t Account w/Sp	ouse)														200	<b>D</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion Date Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		tion of E		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amour or Numbe		nstr. 3	nt		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Titl	of						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Shares Held in Street Name

s/Kenneth J. Quinn, Power of

Attorney for Gerard L.

10/03/2012

**Esposito** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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