### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Esposito Gerard L						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MIDDLESEX WATER CO [ MSEX ]											olicable)	10% (		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 18 VICTORIA DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2005									X	Officer (give title below)		Other (sp below) ident		
(Street) MILFOR (City)			19963 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (CheLine)  X Form filed by One Reporting I Form filed by More than One Person										Perso	on			
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	es Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ber	efic	ially	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				, 4 and Secu Bend Own		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
										v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	Repor Transa (Instr.		ted action(s) 3 and 4)	ı		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock (Restricted Stock)				02/01	01/2005				A		1,100		A	\$0			4,833	<b>D</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		
Common	Common Stock															800		<b>D</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		
Common Stock (Joint Account w/Spouse) 02				02/01	02/01/2005				A		200 A		\$0		200		<b>D</b> <sup>(2)</sup>			
Common	mon Stock (Dividend Reinvestment) 02/0				1/2005				A		1 A \$		\$1	318.02		123	D			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	tive conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			4. Transa Code ( 8)			Expiration (Month/D	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date			Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir (I) (Insti	) ct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Reflects grant of Restricted Stock previously unreported.
- 2. Reflects shares held in street name previously unreported.

/s/Kenneth J. Quinn, Power of

Attorney for Gerard L.

02/02/2005

**Esposito** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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