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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, DC 20549

FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
 Form 3 Holdings Reported
 Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Cutting John C.

 (Last) (First) (Middle)

 1610 Northstream Parkway

 (Street)

 Point Pleasant NJ 08742

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Middlesex Water Company (MSEX)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

December 31, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

- Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
 (check applicable line)

- Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
 or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at the End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr.4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock			V	7,465	A	22,395	D	See Explanation	

		V		600	A	1800		I	See Explanation Spouse Jacklyn Cutting
	12/31/02	V		201	A	21.06	436	I	Dividend Reinvestment Spouse

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

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (mm/dd/yy)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

Additional shares acquired as a result of three-for-two stock splits.

/s/ Marion F. Reynolds, Power of Attorney for
 John C. Cutting
 January 2, 2003
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.