FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* OCONNOR A BRUCE					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MIDDLESEX WATER CO [MSEX]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify						
(Last) MIDDLE PO BOX	SEX WAT	(First) (Middle) X WATER CO				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2004								X	below) below) Vice President & Controller)
(Street) ISELIN	NJ		08830		4. If <i>I</i>	Ameno	dment,	Date o	of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Forn	n filed by Or	Group Filing (Check App y One Reporting Person y More than One Report		son
(City)	(St	ate)	(Zip)																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans			2. Transac	tion	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			of, or Benefici ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			5. Amo Securit Benefic	unt of ies	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Direct ndirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								• ,	Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or P	rice	Reporte Transa (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common	Stock (Rest	tricted Stock)													7	,333	I)	
Common	Stock					Τ									6	,200	I)	
Common	Stock (Divi	idend Reinves	tment)	05/03/2	05/03/2004				Α		19	A	\$	21.29	3	,523	D		
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)														1	1,773		I	Custodial Account Spouse for Daughter Molly O'Connor	
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)																977		I	Custodial Account Spouse for Son Alexander O'Connor
			Table II -												Owned		,	,	
1. Title of Derivative Security 1. Title of Derivative Security 1. Title of Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 1. Title of Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Date Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		ned 4 n Date, 1	4. Transaction Code (Inst		on of		6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		sable and e	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr and 4)		8. De Se (In	Price of erivative ecurity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	y Di or (l)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Explanation	of Pasnans			C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Share	er					

/s/ Kenneth J. Quinn, Power of

Attorney for A. Bruce 05/04/2004

O'Connor

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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