FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* OCONNOR A BRUCE				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MIDDLESEX WATER CO [MSEX]							5. Rel (Ched	Solssuer Solsoner						
(Last) MIDDLE PO BOX	08/0	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2003								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President & Controller								
(Street) ISELIN NJ 08830 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. 17	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicab Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person										erson		
(City)	(3)			on-Deriva	ative	Secu	ıritie	s Ac	auire	d. Di	sposed o	f. or B	enefic	cially	Owne			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tra			2. Transaction	on	2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securities Transaction Code (Instr.		es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
				(Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock (Restricted Stock)				08/08/19				A		0	A	\$	0	5	,800	D		
Common Stock			08/08/1988				A		0	A	\$0		3,150		D			
Common	Stock (Divi	idend Reinvestm	ient)	08/04/20	003				A		16	A	A \$25.28		2,314		D	
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)			08/08/19	08/08/1988				A		0	A	A \$0		1,297		I	Custodial Account Spouse for Daughter Molly O'Connor	
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)				08/08/19	3/08/1988				A		0	A \$0		0	714		I	Custodial Account Spouse for Son Alexander O'Connor
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	emed / ion Date, / I	I. Fransa Code (I	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		cisable and ate Year)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of		8. F Der Sec (Ins	Price of privative scurity str. 5) Sequential Sequential Securities Securiti		Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/M. F. Reynolds, Power of Attorney for A. Bruce

08/04/2003

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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