FORM 4

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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							
(Last) MIDDLE PO BOX	(Fii ESEX WAT	•	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2003								X	belo	•	Other (speci below) lent/Controller)``
(Street) ISELIN	NJ		08830		4. If A	mendm	ent, Date c	of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Forn	n filed by Or	oup Filing (Check Applicable One Reporting Person Hore than One Reporting		son
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Date		2. Transac	tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securiti		es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	ect irect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
								Code	v	Amount	(A) o	r Pri	ce	Reporte Transa (Instr. 3	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock (Restricted Stock) 08/21		08/21/2	2003			A		1,500	D	\$2	\$24.85		,300	D				
Common	Stock			08/21/2	2003			A		1,500	A	\$2	24.85	4	,650	D		
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)												2	,314	D				
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)											1	,297	I		Custodial Account Spouse for Daughter Molly O'Connor			
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)												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	3A. Deen Executio	n Date, 1 (ay/Year) 8	4. Transactio		Number ferivative ecurities cquired () or isposed f (D) nstr. 3, 4 nd 5)	6. Date Exercic Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		sable and e	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. I De Se (In:	Price of erivative security sets. 5) Security Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)		Owr Forr Dire or Ir (I) (I	ership n: ct (D) direct 1str. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

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

08/21/2003

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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