FORM 4

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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. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner						
(Last) MIDDLE PO BOX	(Fii ESEX WAT) 1500	,	Middle)		10/10	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/10/2003										Other (specify below) ent/Controller	
(Street) ISELIN NJ 08830 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriva	ative S	Secur	ities Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or B	enefi	cially	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transac Date (Month/Da		on 2A. Deemed Execution Date,	3. 4. Secu		Disposed (urities Acquired (A) or sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		or I and	and Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
						Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Pri	ce	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock (Restricted Stock)			10/10/2	10/10/2003			A		1,200	A	\$2	25.25	5,500		D		
Common Stock													4	,650	D		
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)													2,414		D		
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)													1	,308	I	Custodial Account Spouse for Daughter Molly O'Connor	
Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment)													721		I	Custodial Account Spouse for Son Alexander O'Connor	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any		I. Fransact	nsaction de (Instr. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of		8. I De Se (In:	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Owr Foll Rep Tran (Inst		Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
	of Bassass			-	Code V	' (A) (D)	Exercisa		Date	Title	Shares	;				

Explanation of Responses:

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

10/10/2003

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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