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] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|-------------------|---|--|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) MIDDLESEX WATER CO PO BOX 1500 | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/03/2003 | | | | | | | | X | Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| (Street) ISELIN NJ 08830 | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| Date | | | | 2. Transactio | on 2A. Deemed | | emed ion Date, | 3. Transa Code (| ction | 4. Securities | Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar | | | 5. Amount of | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(c) | | | (msu. 4) | |
| Common Stock (Restricted Stock) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4, | 300 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4, | 650 | D | |
| Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment) 09/03/20 | | | | 09/03/20 | 003 | | | Z | | 84 | A | \$24. | 7314 | 2, | 398 | D | |
| Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment) 09/03/2 | | | | 09/03/20 | 03 | | Z | | 11 | A | \$24.7314 | | 1,308 | | I | Custodial Account Spouse for Daughter Molly O'Connor | |
| Common Stock (Dividend Reinvestment) 09/03/20 | | | | 03 | | Z | | 6 | A | \$24. | .7314 720 | | 720 | I | Custodial Account 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 Security (Instr. 3) | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date Courity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | emed 4 ion Date, T C (Day/Year) 8 | | | | 6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day | | cisable and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount or Numbe of Shares | | 8. F Der Sec (Ins | curity str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

09/03/2003

** 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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