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April 29, 2005

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF
REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-5822

MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

500 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

James F. DesMarais
Massachusetts Financial Services Company
500 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

(Name and address of agents for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 954-5000

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: February 28, 2005

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

MFS(R) Mutual Funds

QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS 02/28/05

MFS(R) CHARTER INCOME TRUST

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

THE TRUST IS A CLOSED-END INVESTMENT PRODUCT. SHARES OF THE TRUST ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE/SALE ON THE NYSE AT THE CURRENT MARKET PRICE. SHARES MAY TRADE AT A PREMIUM OR DISCOUNT TO NAV.

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- o Annual and semiannual reports contain information regarding the specific securities held in the fund and how the fund has performed over the period.
- o Week in Review provides a look at key events influencing U.S. and global financial markets for the week.
- o MFS Global Perspective is a commentary and analysis of markets around the globe.
- o Chief Investment Strategist Corner is a commentary by James Swanson, MFS' Chief Investment Strategist.

A fact sheet, annual, and semiannual report for the fund can be accessed by clicking "Closed End Funds" on the home page. Week in Review, MFS Global Perspective, and Chief Investment Strategist Corner are located under "Updates and Announcements."

The portfolio is actively managed, and current holdings may be different.

MFS Charter Income Trust
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) 02/28/2005

ISSUER

BONDS - 95.8%

ADVERTISING & BROADCASTING - 1.7%

Allbritton Communications Co., 7.75%, 2012

DIRECTV Holdings LLC, 8.375%, 2013

Echostar DBS Corp., 6.375%, 2011

Intelsat Ltd., 7.7938%, 2012##

Intelsat Ltd., 8.625%, 2015##

Lamar Media Corp., 7.25%, 2013

News America Holdings, 7.7%, 2025

News America, Inc., 6.2%, 2034##

Paxson Communications Corp., 0% to 2006, 12.25% to 2008

Young Broadcasting, Inc., 8.5%, 2008

AGENCY - OTHER - 1.0%

Financing Corp., 10.35%, 2018

AIRLINES - 0.2%

Continental Airlines, Inc., 7.566%, 2020

ASSET BACKED & SECURITIZED - 5.3%

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Airplane Pass-Through Trust, 10.875%, 2019*

Amresco Commercial Mortgage Funding I, 7%, 2029

Asset Securitization Corp., 8.2901%, 2026

Asset Securitization Corp., 7.525%, 2029

Commercial Mortgage Acceptance Corp., 5.44%, 2030##

Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., 6.75%, 2030##

Crest Ltd., 7%, 2040##

DLJ Commercial Mortgage Corp., 6.04%, 2031

First Union-Lehman Brothers Bank of America, 0.5602%, 2028^^

First Union-Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage Trust, 7%, 2029##

First Union-Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage Trust, 7.5%, 2029

Mortgage Capital Funding, Inc., 0.8612%, 2031^^

Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., 3.878%, 2035

Structured Asset Securities Corp., 4.67%, 2035

TIAA Retail Estate CDO Ltd., 7.17%, 2032##

AUTOMOTIVE - 1.1%

Affinia Group, Inc., 9%, 2014##

DaimlerChrysler N.A. Holdings Corp., 8.5%, 2031

Ford Motor Credit Co., 5.7%, 2010

General Motors Acceptance Corp., 8%, 2031

General Motors Corp., 7.2%, 2011

General Motors Corp., 8.375%, 2033

Navistar International Corp., 7.5%, 2011

TRW Automotive, Inc., 9.375%, 2013

TRW Automotive, Inc., 11%, 2013

Tenneco Automotive, Inc., 10.25%, 2013

Tenneco Automotive, Inc., 8.625%, 2014##

BANKS & CREDIT COMPANIES - 3.0%

Abbey National Capital Trust I, 8.963% to 2030, 5.745% to 2049

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Banco Mercantil del Norte S.A., 5.875%, 2014##

Chuo Mitsui Trust & Banking Co., 5.506%, 2049##

HBOS Capital Funding LP, 6.071% to 2014, 4.82% to 2049##

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., 5.125%, 2014

Kazkommerts International B.V., 10.125%, 2007

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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., 5.79%, 2014##

RBS Capital Trust II, 6.425% to 2034, 4.863% to 2049

Turanalem Finance B.V., 8%, 2014##

UFJ Finance Aruba AEC, 6.75%, 2013

BROADCAST & CABLE TV - 1.6%

CSC Holdings, Inc., 8.125%, 2009

Charter Communications, Inc., 8.625%, 2009

Continental Cablevision, Inc., 9.5%, 2013

Lenfest Communications, Inc., 10.5%, 2006

Mediacom Broadband LLC, 9.5%, 2013

Rogers Cable, Inc., 5.5%, 2014

TCI Communications, Inc., 9.8%, 2012

BROKERAGE & ASSET MANAGERS - 1.0%

Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 5.7%, 2012

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Inc., 6.6%, 2012

BUILDING - 0.2%

Building Materials Corp. of America, 7.75%, 2014##

Jacuzzi Brands, Inc., 9.625%, 2010

BUSINESS SERVICES - 0.2%

Iron Mountain, Inc., 7.75%, 2015

Xerox Corp., 7.625%, 2013

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CHEMICALS - 1.2%

BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.A., 9.625%, 2014##

Hercules, Inc., 6.75%, 2029

Huntsman International LLC, 10.125%, 2009

Kronos International, Inc., 8.875%, 2009

EUR

Lyondell Chemical Co., 11.125%, 2012

Nalco Co., 7.75%, 2011

Nova Chemicals Corp., 6.5%, 2012

Rhodia S.A., 8.875%, 2011

Rockwood Specialties Group, Inc., 7.5%, 2014##

Sovereign Specialty Chemicals, Inc., 11.875%, 2010

Yara International A.S.A., 5.25%, 2014##

CONGLOMERATES - 0.6%

Kennametal, Inc., 7.2%, 2012

CONSTRUCTION - 0.2%

D.R. Horton, Inc., 8%, 2009

CONSUMER GOODS & SERVICES - 0.2%

Church & Dwight Co., Inc., 6%, 2012##

K2, Inc., 7.375%, 2014

CONTAINERS - 0.4%

Crown European Holdings S.A., 9.5%, 2011

Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., 8.875%, 2009

Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., 8.25%, 2013

Pliant Corp., 13%, 2010

DEFENSE ELECTRONICS - 0.1%

L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc., 5.875%, 2015##

ELECTRONICS - 0.2%

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Flextronics International Ltd., 6.5%, 2013

EMERGING MARKET QUASI-SOVEREIGN - 1.8%

Gazprom OAO, 9.625%, 2013

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Pemex Master Trust, 9.5%, 2027##

Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 8.625%, 2022

Petroliam Nasional Berhad, 7.75%, 2015

Petronas Capital Ltd., 7.875%, 2022##

EMERGING MARKET SOVEREIGN - 5.7%

Federal Republic of Brazil, 8%, 2014

Republic of Colombia, 11.75%, 2020

Republic of Panama, 9.375%, 2023 - 2029

Republic of Panama, 8.875%, 2027

Republic of Peru, 9.875%, 2015

Republic of Peru, 8.75%, 2033

Republic of South Africa, 9.125%, 2009

Republic of South Africa, 8.5%, 2017

Russian Federation, 3%, 2008 - 2011

Russian Federation, 11%, 2018

State of Qatar, 9.75%, 2030

ENERGY - INDEPENDENT - 1.0%

Chesapeake Energy Corp., 7.5%, 2014

Chesapeake Energy Corp., 6.375%, 2015##

Chesapeake Energy Corp., 6.875%, 2016

Forest Oil Corp., 7.75%, 2014

Kerr-McGee Corp., 6.95%, 2024

Newfield Exploration Co., 6.625%, 2014##

Plains Exploration & Production Co., 7.125%, 2014

Vintage Petroleum, Inc., 8.25%, 2012

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ENERGY - INTEGRATED - 0.7%

Amerada Hess Corp., 7.3%, 2031

Tyumen Oil Co., 11%, 2007

ENTERTAINMENT - 1.3%

AMC Entertainment, Inc., 9.5%, 2011

Liberty Media Corp., 5.7%, 2013

Loews Cineplex Entertainment Corp., 9%, 2014##

Six Flags, Inc., 9.75%, 2013

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., 8.375%, 2013

Walt Disney Co., 6.375%, 2012

FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - 0.2%

Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., 9.75%, 2012

Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc., 10.25%, 2013

Smithfield Foods, Inc., 7%, 2011

FOREST & PAPER PRODUCTS - 1.2%

Abitibi-Consolidated, Inc., 7.75%, 2011

Buckeye Technologies, Inc., 8.5%, 2013

Donohue Forest Products, Inc., 7.625%, 2007

Georgia-Pacific Corp., 9.375%, 2013

Georgia-Pacific Corp., 7.25%, 2028

MDP Acquisitions PLC, 9.625%, 2012

Norske Skog Canada Ltd., 7.375%, 2014

GAMING & LODGING - 1.5%

Aztar Corp., 7.875%, 2014

Boyd Gaming Corp., 6.75%, 2014

Caesars Entertainment, Inc., 8.125%, 2011

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Host Marriott LP, 7.125%, 2013

MGM Mirage, Inc., 8.375%, 2011

Mandalay Resort Group, 9.375%, 2010

Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., 8.75%, 2013

Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., 8%, 2010

Scientific Games Corp., 6.25%, 2012##

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc., 7.875%, 2012

Station Casinos, Inc., 6.5%, 2014

INDUSTRIAL - 0.2%

Amsted Industries, Inc., 10.25%, 2011##

Valmont Industries, Inc., 6.875%, 2014

Williams Scotsman, Inc., 10%, 2008

INSURANCE - PROPERTY & CASUALTY - 0.2%

Fund American Cos., Inc., 5.875%, 2013

INTERNATIONAL MARKET SOVEREIGN - 18.0%

Canada Housing Trust, 4.65%, 2009

CAD

Commonwealth of Australia, 6%, 2017

AUD

Federal Republic of Germany, 4%, 2007

EUR

Federal Republic of Germany, 3.5%, 2008

EUR

Federal Republic of Germany, 3.75%, 2015

EUR

Federal Republic of Germany, 6.25%, 2030

EUR

Government of Canada, 5.5%, 2010

CAD

Government of Canada, 5.25%, 2012

CAD

Government of Canada, 8%, 2023

CAD

Government of New Zealand, 7%, 2009

NZD

Government of New Zealand, 6.5%, 2013^

NZD

Kingdom of Belgium, 3.75%, 2009

EUR

Kingdom of Belgium, 5%, 2012

EUR

Kingdom of Netherlands, 5.75%, 2007

EUR

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Kingdom of Netherlands, 3.75%, 2009	EUR
Kingdom of Spain, 6%, 2008	EUR
Kingdom of Spain, 5.35%, 2011	EUR
Republic of Austria, 5.5%, 2007	EUR
Republic of Austria, 5%, 2012	EUR
Republic of Austria, 4.65%, 2018	EUR
Republic of Finland, 3%, 2008	EUR
Republic of Finland, 5.375%, 2013	EUR
Republic of France, 4.75%, 2007	EUR
Republic of France, 4%, 2009	EUR
Republic of Ireland, 4.25%, 2007	EUR
Republic of Ireland, 4.6%, 2016	EUR
United Kingdom Treasury, 7.25%, 2007	GBP
United Kingdom Treasury, 5.75%, 2009	GBP
United Kingdom Treasury, 8%, 2015	GBP
MACHINERY & TOOLS - 0.5%	
AGCO Corp., 9.5%, 2008	
Case New Holland, Inc., 6%, 2009##	
Case New Holland, Inc., 9.25%, 2011##	
Manitowoc Co., Inc., 10.5%, 2012	
Terex Corp., 9.25%, 2011	
United Rentals, Inc., 6.5%, 2012	
MEDICAL & HEALTH TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES - 0.8%	
AmerisourceBergen Corp., 7.25%, 2012	
Fisher Scientific International, Inc., 8.125%, 2012	
HCA, Inc., 8.75%, 2010	
HCA, Inc., 6.375%, 2015	
InSight Health Services Corp., 9.875%, 2011	

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METALS & MINING - 0.9%

Foundation PA Coal Co., 7.25%, 2014

International Steel Group, Inc., 6.5%, 2014

Peabody Energy Corp., 6.875%, 2013

Peabody Energy Corp., 5.875%, 2016

U.S. Steel Corp., 9.75%, 2010

MORTGAGE BACKED - 14.5%

Fannie Mae, 6%, 2016 - 2034

Fannie Mae, 5.5%, 2019 - 2034

Fannie Mae, 5.9957%, 2020

Fannie Mae, 6.5%, 2032 - 2033

Fannie Mae, 5%, 2034

Freddie Mac, 6%, 2034

Freddie Mac, 5.5%, 2034

NATURAL GAS - DISTRIBUTION - 0.2%

AmeriGas Partners LP, 8.875%, 2011

NATURAL GAS - PIPELINE - 1.3%

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., 7.875%, 2013

El Paso Energy Corp., 7.625%, 2010

Enterprise Products Operating LP, 6.375%, 2013

Magellan Midstream Partners LP, 5.65%, 2016

Southern Natural Gas Co., Inc., 8.875%, 2010

Williams Cos., Inc., 8.75%, 2032

OIL SERVICES - 0.2%

Grant Prideco, Inc., 9%, 2009

GulfMark Offshore, Inc., 7.75%, 2014##

OILS - 0.2%

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CITGO Petroleum Corp., 6%, 2011##

Premcor Refining Group, Inc., 7.5%, 2015

POLLUTION CONTROL - 0.1%

Allied Waste North America, Inc., 7.875%, 2013

PRINTING & PUBLISHING - 0.3%

Dex Media East LLC, 9.875%, 2009

Dex Media West LLC, 9.875%, 2013

MediaNews Group, Inc., 6.875%, 2013

REAL ESTATE - 0.3%

HRPT Properties Trust, 6.25%, 2016

RESTAURANTS - 0.3%

YUM! Brands, Inc., 8.875%, 2011

RETAILERS - 1.0%

Couche-Tard, Inc., 7.5%, 2013

Gap, Inc., 9.8%, 2008

JC Penney Co., Inc., 7.4%, 2037

Limited Brands, Inc., 5.25%, 2014

Rite Aid Corp., 8.125%, 2010

Saks, Inc., 7%, 2013

SUPERMARKETS - 0.1%

Roundy's, Inc., 8.875%, 2012

TELECOMMUNICATIONS - WIRELESS - 1.8%

AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., 8.75%, 2031

Centennial Communications Corp., 10.125%, 2013

Cingular Wireless LLC, 6.5%, 2011

Crown Castle International Corp., 7.5%, 2013

Mobile TeleSystems OJSC, 9.75%, 2008##

Nextel Communications, Inc., 7.375%, 2015

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Rogers Wireless, Inc., 6.375%, 2014

Rogers Wireless, Inc., 7.5%, 2015

Vimpel-Communications, 10%, 2009##

TELECOMMUNICATIONS - WIRELINE - 2.7%

AT&T Corp., 9.05%, 2011

AT&T Corp., 9.75%, 2031

Citizens Communications Co., 9.25%, 2011

Citizens Communications Co., 6.25%, 2013

Citizens Communications Co., 9%, 2031

Deutsche Telekom International Finance B.V., 8.75%, 2030

Eircom Funding PLC, 8.25%, 2013

Qwest Corp., 7.875%, 2011##

Qwest Corp., 9.125%, 2012##

Qwest Services Corp., 14%, 2010##

SBC Communications, Inc., 5.1%, 2014

Verizon New York, Inc., 6.875%, 2012

TOBACCO - 0.2%

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc., 7.25%, 2012

TRANSPORTATION - SERVICES - 0.3%

Stena AB, 7%, 2016

TFM S.A. de C.V., 12.5%, 2012

U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES - 5.0%

Fannie Mae, 6%, 2011

Freddie Mac, 7%, 2005

Small Business Administration, 4.34%, 2024

Small Business Administration, 4.77%, 2024

Small Business Administration, 5.19%, 2024

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U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS - 11.7%

U.S. Treasury Bonds, 10.75%, 2005

U.S. Treasury Bonds, 12%, 2013

U.S. Treasury Bonds, 10.625%, 2015

U.S. Treasury Bonds, 9.875%, 2015

U.S. Treasury Bonds, 5.375%, 2031

U.S. Treasury Notes, 6.875%, 2006

U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.375%, 2007###

U.S. Treasury Notes, 2%, 2014

U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.25%, 2014

UTILITIES - ELECTRIC POWER - 3.4%

CMS Energy Corp., 8.5%, 2011

Calpine Corp., 8.75%, 2013##

DPL, Inc., 6.875%, 2011

Duke Capital Corp., 8%, 2019

Dynegy Holdings, Inc., 9.875%, 2010##

Empresa Nacional de Electricidad S.A., 8.35%, 2013

Enersis S.A., 7.375%, 2014

FirstEnergy Corp., 6.45%, 2011

FirstEnergy Corp., 7.375%, 2031

MSW Energy Holdings LLC, 7.375%, 2010

Nevada Power Co., 5.875%, 2015##

NorthWestern Corp., 5.875%, 2014##

PSEG Energy Holdings LLC, 7.75%, 2007

Reliant Resources, Inc., 9.5%, 2013

System Energy Resources, Inc., 5.129%, 2014##

TECO Energy, Inc., 7.5%, 2010

TXU Corp., 6.5%, 2024##

Texas Genco LLC, 6.875%, 2014##

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 Total Bonds (Identified Cost, \$516,408,796)

ISSUER

STOCKS - 0.1%

APPAREL MANUFACTURERS - 0.1%

Sind Holdings, Inc.*

SPECIALTY CHEMICALS - 0%

Sterling Chemicals, Inc.*

Total Stocks (Identified Cost, \$2,127,651)

ISSUER

STRIKE PRICE FIRST EXE

WARRANTS - 0%

Loral Space & Communications Ltd. (Business Services)* \$ 0.14 1/28/

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Sterling Chemicals, Inc. (Specialty Chemicals)* 52.00 12/31

Thermadyne Holdings Corp. (Machinery & Tools)* 20.78 5/29/

Total Warrants (Identified Cost, \$39,014)

COLLATERAL FOR SECURITIES LOANED - 0.7%

Navigator Securities Lending Prime Portfolio, at Cost and Net Asset Value

ISSUER

REPURCHASE AGREEMENT - 3.1%

Goldman Sachs, 2.61%, dated 02/28/2005, due 03/01/2005, total to be received
 \$17,252,251 (secured by various U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency obligations
 in a jointly traded account), at Cost

Total Investments ~ (Identified Cost, \$539,776,568)

OTHER ASSETS, LESS LIABILITIES - 0.3%

Net Assets - 100.0%

* Non-income producing security.

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- ^ All or a portion of this security is on loan.
- ^^ Interest only security for which the fund receives interest on the notional principal (Par amount). Par amount shown is the notional principal and does not reflect the cost of the security.
- ## SEC Rule 144A restriction.
- ### Security segregated as collateral for open futures contracts.
- ~ As of February 28, 2005, the fund had 2 securities representing \$976,918 and 0.2% of net assets that were fair valued in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees.

All amounts are stated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Abbreviations have been used throughout this report to indicate amounts shown in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. A list of abbreviations is shown below

AUD = Australian Dollar
CAD = Canadian Dollar
CNY = Chinese Yuan Renminbi
DKK = Danish Krone
EUR = Euro
GBP = British Pound
MXN = Mexican Peso
NZD = New Zealand Dollar
SEK = Swedish Krona

Country weighting percentages of portfolio holdings based on total net assets as of February 28, 2005, are as follows:

United States	67.1%
Germany	4.2%
Great Britain	2.7%
Ireland	2.2%
Brazil	2.1%
Russia	2.1%
Netherlands	2.0%
Canada	1.8%
Mexico	1.7%
Other	14.1%

See attached schedules. For more information see notes to financial statements as disclosed in the most recent semiannual or annual report.

MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES (UNAUDITED)

(1) PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

The cost and unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the value of the investments owned by the trust, as computed on a federal income tax basis, are as follows:

Aggregate cost	\$546,497,474
	=====
Gross unrealized appreciation	\$ 19,970,795
Gross unrealized depreciation	(9,063,973)

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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) \$ 10,906,822
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(2) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The trust trades financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of its investing activities in order to manage exposure to market risks such as interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. These financial instruments include forward foreign currency exchange contracts and futures contracts. The notional or contractual amounts of these instruments represent the investment the trust has in particular classes of financial instruments and does not necessarily represent the amounts potentially subject to risk. The measurement of the risks associated with these instruments is meaningful only when all related and offsetting transactions are considered.

Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

SETTLEMENT DATE	CONTRACTS TO DELIVER/RECEIVE	AMOUNT	IN EXCHANGE FOR	CONTRACTS AT VALUE	NET APP (DEP)
<hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/>					
SALES					
4/11/05	AUD	3,107,893	\$ 2,365,946	\$ 2,452,488	(\$
4/11/05	DKK	2,836,694	487,865	505,435	
3/4/05-5/16/05	EUR	69,453,707	90,375,994	92,118,993	(
3/10/05	GBP	5,503,029	10,290,664	10,571,466	
4/6/05	MXN	64,428,000	5,662,009	5,759,391	
4/11/05	NZD	10,660,952	7,395,875	7,721,975	
3/14/05	SEK	2,018,612	286,060	295,456	
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			\$116,864,413	\$119,425,204	(\$
			=====	=====	---
PURCHASES					
4/11/05	AUD	1,334,141	\$ 1,046,720	\$ 1,052,792	\$
2/6/06	CNY	42,072,400	5,350,000	5,292,720	
3/31/05	DKK	2,622,369	478,962	467,154	
4/6/05-5/16/05	EUR	9,324,735	12,119,419	12,370,103	
3/31/05-5/16/05	GBP	3,499,437	6,520,618	6,700,300	
4/6/05-8/1/05	MXN	129,427,200	11,200,000	11,452,515	
4/14/05	SEK	7,670,131	1,087,607	1,123,389	
			-----	-----	---
			\$ 37,803,326	\$ 38,458,973	\$
			=====	=====	---

At February 28, 2005, forward foreign currency purchases and sales under master netting agreements excluded above amounted to a net payable of \$67,640 with Merrill Lynch International.

At February 28, 2005, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any commitments under these contracts.

Futures Contracts

Unrealized
Appreciation

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Description	Expiration	Contracts	Position	(Depreciation)
U.S. Treasury Notes 10 Year	March 2005	444	Short	\$ 144,553
U.S. Treasury Notes 5 Year	March 2005	400	Short	416,551
U.S. Treasury Notes 2 Year	March 2005	75	Short	92,166

				\$ 653,270
				=====

At February 28, 2005, the trust had sufficient cash and/or securities to cover any margin requirements under these contracts. (C)2005 MFS Investment Management

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-Q, the registrant's principal financial officer and principal executive officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act")) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2): Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST

By (Signature and Title)* ROBERT J. MANNING

 Robert J. Manning, President

Date: April 22, 2005

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the

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dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* ROBERT J. MANNING

Robert J. Manning, President (Principal Executive
Officer)

Date: April 22, 2005

By (Signature and Title)* RICHARD M. HISEY

Richard M. Hisey, Treasurer (Principal Financial
Officer and Accounting Officer)

Date: April 22, 2005

* Print name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.