

MFS CHARTER INCOME TRUST  
Form N-Q  
April 24, 2009

**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)

**Susan S. Newton**

**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, 2009

**ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.**



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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) 2/28/09

Issuer	Shares/Par	Value (\$)
<b>Bonds 91.9%</b>		
<b>Aerospace 0.2%</b>		
Bombardier, Inc., 6.3%, 2014 (n)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 670,000
Hawker Beechcraft Acquisition Co. LLC, 8.5%, 2015	795,000	151,050
TransDigm Group, Inc., 7.75%, 2014	260,000	239,200
		\$ 1,060,250
<b>Airlines 0.2%</b>		
AMR Corp., 7.858%, 2011	\$ 565,000	\$ 488,725
Continental Airlines, Inc., 7.339%, 2014	431,000	275,840
		\$ 764,565
<b>Asset Backed &amp; Securitized 3.5%</b>		
Asset Securitization Corp., FRN, 8.63%, 2029	\$ 1,317,681	\$ 1,440,860
Bayview Financial Acquisition Trust, FRN, 5.483%, 2041	404,000	318,185
Bayview Financial Revolving Mortgage Loan Trust, FRN, 1.296%, 2040 (z)	1,160,000	510,400
Citigroup/Deutsche Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, FRN, 5.366%, 2049	1,605,000	563,861
Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, FRN, 5.793%, 2046	230,000	94,320
Countrywide Asset-Backed Certificates, FRN, 5.147%, 2035	2,000,000	1,391,060
Credit Suisse Mortgage Capital Certificate, 5.343%, 2039	1,080,744	402,074
Crest Ltd., CDO, 7%, 2040	2,000,000	270,000
DLJ Commercial Mortgage Corp., 6.04%, 2031 (z)	2,000,000	1,717,865
First Union-Lehman Brothers Bank of America, FRN, 0.444%, 2035 (i)	21,820,128	351,057
First Union-Lehman Brothers Commercial Mortgage Trust, 7%, 2029 (n)	583,283	571,530
JPMorgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Corp., FRN, 6.062%, 2051	185,000	28,846
Merrill Lynch Mortgage Trust, FRN, 5.828%, 2050	185,000	28,249
Morgan Stanley Capital I, Inc., 5.168%, 2042	919,020	687,162
Mortgage Capital Funding, Inc., FRN, 2.399%, 2031 (i)	450,119	23
Nationslink Funding Corp., 5%, 2031 (z)	714,660	703,763
New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, FRN, 4.532%, 2035	1,966,624	1,876,899
PNC Mortgage Acceptance Corp., FRN, 7.1%, 2032 (z)	2,510,000	2,165,858
Spirit Master Funding LLC, 5.05%, 2023 (z)	1,666,995	1,333,906
Structured Asset Securities Corp., FRN, 4.67%, 2035	1,102,557	855,386
Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust, FRN, 5.692%, 2047	1,503,155	184,669
		\$ 15,495,973
<b>Automotive 1.2%</b>		
Accuride Corp., 8.5%, 2015	\$ 780,000	\$ 234,000
Allison Transmission, Inc., 11%, 2015 (n)	1,855,000	899,675
FCE Bank PLC, 7.125%, 2012	EUR 2,800,000	2,165,317
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, 9.75%, 2010	\$ 1,240,000	800,668
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, 12%, 2015	362,000	210,760
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, 8%, 2016	250,000	117,765
General Motors Corp., 8.375%, 2033	629,000	83,342
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 9%, 2015	880,000	664,400
		\$ 5,175,927

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**Broadcasting 1.7%**

Allbritton Communications Co., 7.75%, 2012	\$ 2,085,000	\$ 938,250
CBS Corp., 6.625%, 2011	369,000	345,077
Clear Channel Communications, 10.75%, 2016 (n)	280,000	40,600
Clear Channel Communications, Inc., 6.25%, 2011	1,240,000	136,400
DirectTV Holdings LLC, 7.625%, 2016	2,350,000	2,256,000
Intelsat Jackson Holdings Ltd., 9.5%, 2016 (z)	685,000	633,625
Lamar Media Corp., 7.25%, 2013	675,000	523,125
Lamar Media Corp., 6.625%, 2015	1,205,000	777,225
Lamar Media Corp., C , 6.625%, 2015	245,000	153,125
LIN TV Corp., 6.5%, 2013	1,415,000	735,800
Local TV Finance LLC, 9.25%, 2015 (p)(z)	900,000	91,125
Newport Television LLC, 13%, 2017 (n)(p)	105,000	4,200

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<b>Bonds continued</b>		
<b>Broadcasting continued</b>		
News America, Inc., 6.2%, 2034	\$ 325,000	\$ 246,965
Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc., 7%, 2014	680,000	238,850
Univision Communications, Inc., 9.75%, 2015 (n)(p)	1,280,000	96,000
		\$ 7,216,367
<b>Brokerage &amp; Asset Managers 0.4%</b>		
INVESCO PLC, 5.625%, 2012	\$ 1,440,000	\$ 1,134,864
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 6.5%, 2017 (d)	1,260,000	126
Nuveen Investments, Inc., 10.5%, 2015 (n)	1,755,000	403,650
		\$ 1,538,640
<b>Building 0.7%</b>		
Associated Materials, Inc., 9.75%, 2012	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 886,875
Building Materials Corp. of America, 7.75%, 2014	300,000	205,500
CRH PLC, 8.125%, 2018	898,000	699,300
Nortek, Inc., 10%, 2013	1,010,000	404,000
Ply Gem Industries, Inc., 11.75%, 2013	1,435,000	660,100
		\$ 2,855,775
<b>Business Services 0.5%</b>		
First Data Corp., 9.875%, 2015	\$ 1,990,000	\$ 1,094,500
SunGard Data Systems, Inc., 10.25%, 2015	1,760,000	1,205,600
		\$ 2,300,100
<b>Cable TV 1.7%</b>		
CCO Holdings LLC, 8.75%, 2013	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,170,000
Charter Communications, Inc., 8.375%, 2014 (n)	590,000	507,400
Charter Communications, Inc., 10.875%, 2014 (n)	70,000	64,750
CSC Holdings, Inc., 8.5%, 2014 (z)	270,000	259,200
CSC Holdings, Inc., 8.5%, 2015 (n)	1,980,000	1,890,900
Mediacom LLC, 9.5%, 2013	850,000	739,500
TCI Communications, Inc., 9.8%, 2012	701,000	757,100
Virgin Media, Inc., 9.125%, 2016	2,185,000	1,920,069
		\$ 7,308,919
<b>Chemicals 1.1%</b>		
Innophos Holdings, Inc., 8.875%, 2014	\$ 970,000	\$ 771,150
Momentive Performance Materials, Inc., 11.5%, 2016	2,062,000	433,020
Mosaic Co., 7.625%, 2016 (n)	1,525,000	1,464,000
Nalco Co., 7.75%, 2011	340,000	336,600
Yara International A.S.A., 5.25%, 2014 (n)	2,000,000	1,675,880
		\$ 4,680,650

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**Computer Software 0.3%**

Seagate Technology HDD Holdings, 6.375%, 2011	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 1,316,250
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**Computer Software - Systems 0.3%**

International Business Machines Corp., 8%, 2038	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,188,434
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**Conglomerates 0.7%**

Actuant Corp., 6.875%, 2017	\$ 1,005,000	\$ 889,425
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Fisher Scientific International, Inc., 6.125%, 2015	1,254,000	1,235,324
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Kennametal, Inc., 7.2%, 2012	1,140,000	1,136,581
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\$ 3,261,330

**Consumer Goods & Services 1.5%**

Corrections Corp. of America, 6.25%, 2013	\$ 215,000	\$ 205,862
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Fortune Brands, Inc., 5.125%, 2011	671,000	661,324
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Jarden Corp., 7.5%, 2017	1,810,000	1,411,800
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KAR Holdings, Inc., 5.17%, 2014	380,000	136,800
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KAR Holdings, Inc., 10%, 2015	930,000	316,200
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<b>Consumer Goods &amp; Services continued</b>		
Service Corp. International, 7%, 2017	\$ 3,030,000	\$ 2,757,300
Ticketmaster, 10.75%, 2016 (n)	1,510,000	1,087,200
		\$ 6,576,486
<b>Containers 0.7%</b>		
Crown Americas LLC, 7.625%, 2013	\$ 500,000	\$ 502,500
Crown Americas LLC, 7.75%, 2015	565,000	569,237
Graham Packaging Holdings Co., 9.875%, 2014	800,000	504,000
Greif, Inc., 6.75%, 2017	855,000	748,125
Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., 8.25%, 2013	940,000	949,400
		\$ 3,273,262
<b>Defense Electronics 0.9%</b>		
BAE Systems Holdings, Inc., 4.75%, 2010 (n)	\$ 790,000	\$ 788,138
BAE Systems Holdings, Inc., 5.2%, 2015 (n)	750,000	727,140
L-3 Communications Corp., 5.875%, 2015	1,145,000	1,056,263
L-3 Communications Corp., 6.375%, 2015	1,500,000	1,417,500
		\$ 3,989,041
<b>Electronics 0.3%</b>		
Avago Technologies Ltd., 11.875%, 2015	\$ 500,000	\$ 370,000
Flextronics International Ltd., 6.25%, 2014	1,170,000	982,800
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc., 8.875%, 2014	425,000	76,500
Spansion, Inc., 11.25%, 2016 (d)(n)	750,000	17,812
		\$ 1,447,112
<b>Emerging Market Quasi-Sovereign 2.8%</b>		
Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social, 6.369%, 2018 (n)	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 972,563
Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile, 4.75%, 2014	1,066,000	1,018,552
Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile, 5.625%, 2035	1,900,000	1,340,585
Corporación Nacional del Cobre de Chile, 7.5%, 2019 (z)	253,000	266,606
Gazprom International S.A., 7.201%, 2020	830,668	670,224
Korea Development Bank, 8%, 2014	1,154,000	1,166,049
Majapahit Holding B.V., 7.25%, 2017 (n)	1,478,000	953,310
National Power Corp., FRN, 5.5%, 2011	780,000	740,814
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, 5.75%, 2018	2,006,000	1,623,598
Petroleos Mexicanos, 8%, 2019 (n)	1,101,000	1,081,733
Ras Laffan Liquefied Natural Gas Co. Ltd., 8.294%, 2014 (n)	2,490,000	2,564,989
		\$ 12,399,023
<b>Emerging Market Sovereign 2.7%</b>		
Federative Republic of Brazil, 6%, 2017	\$ 4,176,000	\$ 4,040,280
Federative Republic of Brazil, 5.875%, 2019	245,000	232,750

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Republic of Argentina, FRN, 1.683%, 2012	1,947,150	1,046,910
Republic of Colombia, 7.375%, 2017	1,393,000	1,400,662
Republic of Columbia, 7.375%, 2019	205,000	202,950
Republic of Indonesia, 10.375%, 2014 (z)	252,000	251,668
Republic of Indonesia, 6.875%, 2017 (n)	171,000	131,670
Republic of Indonesia, 6.875%, 2018 (n)	531,000	403,560
Republic of Indonesia, 6.875%, 2018	204,000	155,040
Republic of Indonesia, 11.625%, 2019 (z)	1,703,000	1,689,633
Republic of Indonesia, 7.75%, 2038 (n)	593,000	403,240
Republic of Panama, 9.375%, 2029	553,000	608,300
Republic of Philippines, 9.375%, 2017	449,000	512,982
Republic of Philippines, 8.375%, 2019	100,000	105,875
Republic of Turkey, 7%, 2019	722,000	638,970

\$ 11,824,490

**Energy - Independent 2.9%**

Chaparral Energy, Inc., 8.875%, 2017	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 358,800
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<b>Energy - Independent continued</b>		
Chesapeake Energy Corp., 9.5%, 2015	\$ 335,000	\$ 311,550
Chesapeake Energy Corp., 6.375%, 2015	2,200,000	1,798,500
Chesapeake Energy Corp., 6.875%, 2016	1,070,000	880,075
Delta Petroleum Corp., 7%, 2015	70,000	27,300
Forest Oil Corp., 8.5%, 2014 (z)	120,000	109,200
Forest Oil Corp., 7.25%, 2019	1,985,000	1,588,000
Hilcorp Energy I LP, 7.75%, 2015 (n)	200,000	153,000
Hilcorp Energy I LP, 9%, 2016 (n)	1,095,000	870,525
Mariner Energy, Inc., 8%, 2017	1,310,000	871,150
Mcmoran Exploration Co., 11.875%, 2014	85,000	61,837
Newfield Exploration Co., 6.625%, 2014	650,000	578,500
Newfield Exploration Co., 6.625%, 2016	225,000	195,750
OPTI Canada, Inc., 8.25%, 2014	2,005,000	681,700
Petrohawk Energy Corp., 10.5%, 2014 (z)	510,000	502,350
Plains Exploration & Production Co., 7%, 2017	1,520,000	1,295,800
Quicksilver Resources, Inc., 8.25%, 2015	190,000	154,850
Quicksilver Resources, Inc., 7.125%, 2016	1,745,000	1,151,700
Range Resource Corp., 7.5%, 2016	140,000	129,500
SandRidge Energy, Inc., 8%, 2018 (n)	1,020,000	795,600