

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

Form 4

November 04, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DOWNES LAURENCE M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES  
CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF  
ROAD**

(Street)

WALL, NJ 07719

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP  
[NJR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**11/03/2005**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        |                  | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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 |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 11/03/2005                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 50,000 | A \$ 24.625      | 0                                                                                             | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 11/03/2005                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 33,000 | D \$ 42.396      | 0                                                                                             | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 11/03/2005                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                   | 17,000 | A \$ 24.625      | 71,476.4 <u>(1)</u>                                                                           | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Commn Stock                     |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |                  | 2,909.148 <u>(2)</u>                                                                          | I                                                        | Cust. for Rel.                                        |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$ 24.625<br>(3)                                                   | 11/03/2005                              |                                                             | M                                    | 50,000<br>(4)                                                                                                | 01/26/2000(5) 01/26/2009                                       | Common<br>Stock 50,000<br>(4)                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| DOWNES LAURENCE M<br>C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION<br>1415 WYCKOFF ROAD<br>WALL, NJ 07719 |               |           | Chairman<br>& CEO |       |

## Signatures

Oleta J. Harden - Attorney-In-Fact (POA  
on file)

11/04/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Total includes shares held outright, shares held in company ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis and reflects calculated value, and shares in Compensation Deferral Plan which includes reinvested dividends.
- Total includes reinvested dividends through DRP.
- Price reflects change due to 3 for 2 stock split as of 3/1/02.
- Option shares represent increase to 3 for 2 stock split as of 3/1/02.

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(5) Options are exercisable 25% each year beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant, which is listed here.

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