

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

Form 4

October 05, 2005

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SHIELDS JOSEPH P

(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)
05/18/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Sr. V.P. of Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	05/18/2005		A	(A) or (D) Amount 2,250 (1) Price \$ 45.55	0	D	
Common Stock	10/03/2005		D	(A) or (D) Amount 6,000 (2) Price \$ 0	13,547.796 (3)	D	
Common Stock					18.972 (4)	I	Cust. for Rel.

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 45.55	05/18/2005		A	18,000	05/18/2006 ⁽⁵⁾ 05/18/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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WALL, NJ 07719

Sr. V.P. of Subsidiary

Signatures

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

10/05/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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).
- (1) These performance units will vest in 3 years if certain goals are met, with 50% payable in year 3 and 50% payable if employed by company at end of year 4.
- (2) This restricted stock previously reported is forfeited due to vesting criteria not being met.
- (3) Total includes shares held outright, shares held in compensation deferral plan and shares held in ESOP that are accounted for on a unitized basis that reflects a calculated value. Each include reinvested dividends through DRP.
- (4) Total includes reinvested dividends through DRP.
- (5) Options are exercisable 25% each year beginning with first anniversary date indicated here.

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