MEINZ THOMAS P

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and MEINZ TI	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WPS RESOURCES CORP [WPS]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Midd	dle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Choon an apphicaele)		
		(Month/D	ay/Year)		Director		0% Owner	
700 NORT O. BOX 19	T, P. 12/31/20	004		below)	X Officer (give title Other (spec below)			
	4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
GREEN B	AY, WI 543079001	Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year))	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	an	xecution Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		

(A) T or (I Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

Common Stock 5,134.0136 I By ESOP

Common Stock I Joint with Mother

Joint with Mother By

D

Common Stock 1,509.862 I Stk Investment

Plan

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

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	12/31/2004		A		42.3761		(2)	(2)	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.75 (3)							12/14/2001	12/14/2010	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.09 (<u>4)</u>							12/13/2002	12/13/2011	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.96 (5)							12/12/2003	12/12/2012	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 44.73 (<u>6)</u>							12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.11 <u>(7)</u>							12/08/2005	12/08/2014	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0							01/01/2005(8)	06/30/2005	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0							01/01/2006(8)	06/30/2006	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0							01/01/2007(8)	06/30/2007	Common Stock

Performance \$ 0.0001

01/01/2008(8) 06/30/2008

Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MEINZ THOMAS P 700 NORTH ADAMS STREET P. O. BOX 19001 GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

Senior VP - Public Affairs

Signatures

By: Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed August 2002)

01/04/2005

**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).
- (1) These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Unless the participant has selected a later commencement date, distribution of stock and equivalents will commence within 60 days following the end of the calendar year in which occurs the participant's retirement or termination of service.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 14, 2001.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2002.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2003.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2004.
- (7) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 2005.
- (8) Performance shares vest and are issued three years after the performance shares are awarded and the final number of shares issued is determined based on company performance against an established industry benchmark.

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