

JAMES RICHARD E  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JAMES RICHARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

700 NORTH ADAMS STREET, P. O. BOX 19001

(Street)

GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WPS RESOURCES CORP [WPS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2005

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)

VP - Corporate Planning

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	08/24/2005		M		377 A \$ 34.09		D
Common Stock	08/24/2005		S		377 D \$ 58.30		D
Common Stock						2,666.4713	I By ESOP
Common Stock						1,022	I Joint with Spouse

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.09 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/24/2005		M	377	12/13/2002	12/13/2011	Common Stock	37
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.75 <sup>(2)</sup>					12/14/2001	12/14/2010	Common Stock	6,2
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.96 <sup>(3)</sup>					12/12/2003	12/12/2012	Common Stock	6,6
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 44.73 <sup>(4)</sup>					12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock	5,6
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.11 <sup>(5)</sup>					12/08/2005	12/08/2014	Common Stock	6,4
Performance Rights	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>					01/01/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>	06/30/2006	Common Stock	8
Performance Rights	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>					01/01/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	06/30/2007	Common Stock	76
Performance Rights	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>					01/01/2008 <sup>(6)</sup>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	74
	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>					<sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(8)</sup>		6,130

Phantom  
Stock UnitCommon  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JAMES RICHARD E 700 NORTH ADAMS STREET P. O. BOX 19001 GREEN BAY, WI 543079001			VP - Corporate Planning	

## Signatures

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

08/25/2005

\_\_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) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2002.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 14, 2001.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2003.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2004.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 2005.
- (6) 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.
- (7) These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (8) 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.

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