

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 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)
 12/18/2014

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, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/18/2014		A	(A) or (D) A	13,477 \$ 58.62	D	

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)

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	(2)	12/18/2014		A	17,059	(3) (3)	Common Stock	17,059
Performance Shares	(4)	12/18/2014		A	8,225	(4) (4)	Common Stock	8,225
Performance Shares	(5)	12/18/2014		A	6,909	(5) (5)	Common Stock	6,909

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on File) 12/18/2014

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) Represents shares of performance-based restricted stock granted pursuant to the New Jersey Resources (NJR) 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Shares will vest in three equal installments on September 15, 2015, September 15, 2016, and September 15, 2017, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the performance goal for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2015 has been met.
 - (2) Each deferred stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NJR common stock.
 - (3) Deferred stock unit award is payable subject to certain conditions on 10/15/2017.
 - (4) Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will be vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable total shareholder return performance goal for the 36 month period ending September 30, 2017 has been met.
 - (5) Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will be vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable net financial earnings performance goal for the 36 month period ending September 30, 2017 has been met.

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