

WPS RESOURCES CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PROTZ WILLIAM F JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

700 NORTH ADAMS STREET, P.
O. BOX 19001

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)

GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2004 | | A | 15.235 A \$ 49.035 | 1,361.309 | I | By Stock Investment Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 107,559 | I | As trustee for Harry K. Wrench Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 66,282 | I | As trustee for Ruth Frazer Wrench Trust |

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| Common Stock | 21,680 | I | By Spouse by Stock 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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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Deferred Stock Unit | (1) | 12/20/2004 | | A | 42.6018 | (2) (2) | Common Stock | 42.6018 | |
| Phantom Stock Unit | (3) | 12/20/2004 | | A | 16.1387 | (2) (2) | Common Stock | 16.1387 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PROTZ WILLIAM F JR 700 NORTH ADAMS STREET P. O. BOX 19001 GREEN BAY, WI 543079001 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed August 2002) 12/22/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) These deferred 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) These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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