

DOWNES LAURENCE M
Form 4
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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 *
DOWNES LAURENCE M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP
[NJR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/27/2011

(Street)
WALL, NJ 07719

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/21/2011 | | G | 530 (1) D | \$ 0 136,234.093 (2) | 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) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Deferred Stock Units | (3) | 12/27/2011 | | A | | 9,185 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 9,185 |
| Performance Shares | (5) | 12/27/2011 | | A | | 9,185 | (5) | 09/30/2014 | Common Stock | 9,185 |

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

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| Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-fact (POA on File) | 12/28/2011 |
| **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) This reflects the reporting of a voluntary gift.
- (2) Total includes shares held outright, shares held in the New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis and reflects calculated shares purchased through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP).
- (3) Each deferred stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NJR common stock.
- (4) Deferred stock unit award is payable subject to certain conditions on 10/15/2014.
- (5) Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will become vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable performance goals for the 36 month period ending September 30, 2014 have been met.

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