

HARDEN OLETA J  
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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 \*  
HARDEN OLETA J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2005

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior V.P. and Secretary

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

(Street)

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

WALL, NJ 07719

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/10/2005		M		5,000	A	\$ 18.50
Common Stock	05/10/2005		S		900	D	\$ 44.13
Common Stock	05/10/2005		S		1,000	D	\$ 44.15
Common Stock	05/10/2005		S		700	D	\$ 44.20
	05/10/2005		S		100	D	0

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Common Stock						\$ 44.21		
Common Stock	05/10/2005	S	200	D		\$ 44.22	0	D
Common Stock	05/10/2005	S	200	D		\$ 44.25	0	D
Common Stock	05/10/2005	G	8 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 0		31,127.8748 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	05/12/2005	J	33.63 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$ 0		25.707 <sup>(4)</sup>	I

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$ 18.5	05/10/2005		M	5,000	11/29/1996 <sup>(5)</sup> 11/29/2005	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDEN OLETA J NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719			Senior V.P. and Secretary	

## Signatures

Oleta J. Harden - Attorney-In-Fact (POA  
on file)

05/12/2005

\_\_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).

Shares were gifted to unrelated parties. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not  
(1) be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(2) Total includes (1) shares in compensation deferral plan which includes reinvested dividends, (2) shares held in ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis that reflects a calculated value, and (3) shares purchased with reinvested dividends through DRP.

(3) The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 33.630 shares of NJR common stock owned by her relative and previously included in the reporting person's beneficial ownership reports.

(4) Total includes reinvested dividends through DRP.

(5) Options are exercisable 25% each year beginning on the first anniversary date, which is listed here.

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