HOWARD M WILLIAM JR

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOWARD M WILLIAM JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

(Check all applicable)

[NJR]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF

ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

01/21/2009

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

Code V Amount (D) Price

 $2,800^{(1)}$ 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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/21/2009	A	1,200	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,200	\$ 38

Reporting Owners

on File)

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HOWARD M WILLIAM JR C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719	X					
Signatures						
Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA		23/2009				

**Signature of Reporting Person 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) Total reflects change due to 3 for 2 stock split as of 3/3/08 and includes reinvested dividends through New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Date

- (2) Each Phantom Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one (1) share of NJR Common Stock.
- (3) The Phantom Stock Units represent director fees that are deferred pursuant to New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be paid in NJR Common stock as of January 2014 in one lump sum.

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