

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)  
11/13/2012

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/13/2012		M		7,026.142	A	140,509.485
Common Stock	11/13/2012		F		3,256	D	\$ 40.62
Common Stock	11/13/2012		M		7,148.691	A	144,402.176
Common Stock	11/13/2012		F		3,313	D	\$ 40.62

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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
Performance Shares	(1)	11/13/2012		M	9,300	(1) (1)	Common Stock	9,300
Performance Shares	(2)	11/13/2012		M	9,300	(2) (2)	Common Stock	9,300

## 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) 11/15/2012

\*\*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 number of Performance Shares, which vested at 68.8% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period beginning on October 1, 2009, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of New Jersey Resources Corporation's (NJR) performance versus the applicable performance goal. Performance Shares converted 1 for 1 into shares of NJR common stock. There is no purchase or sale price upon vesting of the Performance Shares.

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- Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 70% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period
- (2) beginning on October 1, 2009, upon certification by the LDCC of NJR performance versus the applicable performance goal. Performance Shares converted 1 for 1 into shares of NJR common stock. There is no purchase or sale price upon vesting of the Performance Shares.
  - (3) Total includes shares held outright, shares held in the NJR ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis and reflects calculated value, and shares purchased through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP).
  - (4) Total includes an accrual of 1,266.433 shares of NJR Common Stock through the NJR DRP.

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