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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2005

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY 1-8359 22-2376465 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1415 WYCKOFF ROAD
WALL, NEW JERSEY
(Address of principal executive offices)

07719 (Zip Code)

(732) 938-1480 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2 (b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

SECTION 8 - OTHER EVENTS

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

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The registrant issued a press release, attached as Exhibit 99, announcing the results of its Annual Shareowners Meeting. At the meeting, the registrant clarified its estimate of expense associated with compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404. The registrant estimated that it will incur external non-audit related expenses of approximately \$300,000, and that its audit related fees will increase by approximately 30 to 40 percent. The registrant confirmed that these expenses were taken into consideration in its current earnings guidance.

SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) (a) None.
- (b) (b) None.
- (c) (c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.01: Press Release dated January 19, 2005

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION

Date: January 20, 2005 By: /s/Glenn C. Lockwood

Glenn C. Lockwood Senior Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.01: Press Release Entitled: NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CEO REVIEWS STRONG

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AT ANNUAL SHAREOWNERS MEETING