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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2015 OR o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

Commission file number 1 8359

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey 22 2376465 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 22 1376465 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1415 Wyckoff Road, Wall, New Jersey 07719 732 938 1480

(Address of principal (Registrant's telephone number,

executive offices) including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act:

Common Stock \$2.50 Par Value New York Stock Exchange

(Title of each class) (Name of each exchange on which registered)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes: x No: o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes: x No: o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting

company" in Rule 12b 2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer: x Accelerated filer: o Non-accelerated filer: o Smaller reporting company: o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes: o No: x

The number of shares outstanding of \$2.50 par value Common Stock as of May 5, 2015 was 85,581,223.

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GLOSSARY OF KEY

TERMS

AFUDC Allowance for Funds Used During Construction

AIP Accelerated Infrastructure Program
ASC Accounting Standards Codification
ASU Accounting Standards Update

Bcf Billion Cubic Feet
BGSS Basic Gas Supply Service

BPU New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
CIP Conservation Incentive Program
CME Chicago Mercantile Exchange

CR&R Commercial Realty & Resources Corp.

Dodd-Frank Act Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act NJR Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan

FASB Financial Accounting Standards Board

FCM Futures Commission Merchant

FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

A non-GAAP financial measure, which represents revenues earned from the sale of natural gas

Financial Margin less costs of natural gas sold including any transportation and storage costs, and excludes any

accounting impact from the change in the fair value of certain derivative instruments

FMB First Mortgage Bonds FRM Financial Risk Management

GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of the United States

Home Services and

Other

MetLife Facility

Home Services and Other Operations (formerly Retail and Other Operations)

ICE Intercontinental Exchange
Iroquois Gas Transmission L.P.

ISDA The International Swaps and Derivatives Association

ITC Federal Investment Tax Credit

LNG Liquefied Natural Gas

MetLife Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

NJR's unsecured, uncommitted \$100 million private placement shelf note agreement with

MetLife, Inc. expiring in September 2016

MGP Manufactured Gas Plant Moody's Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

MW Megawatts
MWh Megawatt Hour

NAESB The North American Energy Standards Board

Mortgage Indenture

The Amended and Restated Indenture of Mortgage, Deed of Trust and Security Agreement

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between NJNG and U.S. Bank National Association dated as of September 1, 2014

NFE Net Financial Earnings NGV Natural Gas Vehicles

NJ RISE New Jersey Reinvestment in System Enhancement

NJCEP New Jersey's Clean Energy Program

NJDEP New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

NJNG New Jersey Natural Gas Company

NJNG Credit Facility NJNG's \$250 million unsecured committed credit facility expiring in May 2019
NJR Credit Facility NJR's \$425 million unsecured committed credit facility expiring in August 2017

NJR Energy NJR Energy Corporation

GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

(cont.)

NJR or The Company New Jersey Resources Corporation
NJRCEV NJR Clean Energy Ventures Corporation

NJRES NJR Energy Services Company NJRHS NJR Home Services Company

Non-GAAP Not in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of the United States

NPNS Normal Purchase/Normal Sale New York Mercantile Exchange **NYMEX** O&M Operation and Maintenance Other Comprehensive Income OCI **OPEB** Other Postemployment Benefit Plans PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC PennEast PIM Pipeline Integrity Management **PPA** Power Purchase Agreement

Prudential Prudential Investment Management, Inc.

Prudential Facility NJR's unsecured, uncommitted private placement shelf note agreement with Prudential

PTC Federal Production Tax Credit
RA Remediation Adjustment

S&P Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC SAFE Safety Acceleration and Facility Enhancement

Sarbanes-Oxley Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
SAVEGREEN The SAVEGREEN Project®
SBC Societal Benefits Charge

SREC Solar Renewable Energy Certificate

Steckman Ridge Collectively, Steckman Ridge GP, LLC and Steckman Ridge, LP

Superstorm Sandy Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy Tetco Texas Eastern Transmission

The Exchange Act The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

U.S. The United States of America

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INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this report, including, without limitation, statements as to management expectations and beliefs presented in Part I, Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," Part I, Item 3. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," Part II, Item I. "Legal Proceedings" and in the notes to the financial statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can also be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "estimate," "may," "intend," "expect," "believe," "will" "plan," "should," o or comparable terminology and are made based upon management's current expectations and beliefs as of this date concerning future developments and their potential effect on the Company. There can be no assurance that future developments will be in accordance with management's expectations or that the effect of future developments on the Company will be those anticipated by management.

The Company cautions readers that the assumptions that form the basis for forward-looking statements regarding customer growth, customer usage, qualifications for ITCs, PTCs and SRECs, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, capital requirements, future capital expenditures, market risk, effective tax rate and other matters for fiscal 2015 and thereafter include many factors that are beyond the Company's ability to control or estimate precisely, such as estimates of future market conditions, the behavior of other market participants and changes in the debt and equity capital markets. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from NJR's expectations include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors of NJR's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2014, as well as the following:

weather and economic conditions;

demographic changes in the NJNG service territory and their effect on NJNG's customer growth;

volatility of natural gas and other commodity prices and their impact on NJNG customer usage, NJNG's BGSS incentive programs, NJRES operations and on the Company's risk management efforts;

changes in rating agency requirements and/or credit ratings and their effect on availability and cost of capital to the Company;

the impact of volatility in the credit markets on our access to capital;

the ability to comply with debt covenants;

the impact to the asset values and resulting higher costs and funding obligations of NJR's pension and postemployment benefit plans as a result of potential downturns in the financial markets, lower discount rates, revised actuarial assumptions or impacts associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

•risks associated with hedging activities and use of derivatives contracts;

commercial and wholesale credit risks, including the availability of creditworthy customers and counterparties, and liquidity in the wholesale energy trading market;

regulatory approval of NJNG's planned infrastructure programs;

the ability to obtain governmental and regulatory approvals, land-use rights, electric grid connection (in the case of distributed power projects) and/or financing for the construction, development and operation of NJR's unregulated energy investments and NJNG's infrastructure projects in a timely manner;

•risks associated with the management of the Company's joint ventures and partnerships;

risks associated with NJR's investments in distributed power projects, including the availability of regulatory and tax incentives, the availability of viable projects, NJR's eligibility for ITCs and PTCs, the future market for SRECs and operational risks related to projects in service;

timing of qualifying for ITCs and PTCs due to delays or failures to complete planned solar energy projects and the resulting effect on our effective tax rate and earnings;

the level and rate at which NJNG's costs are incurred and the extent to which they are allowed to be recovered from customers through the regulatory process;

the possible expiration of NJNG's BGSS incentive programs;

access to adequate supplies of natural gas and dependence on third-party storage and transportation facilities for natural gas supply;

operating risks incidental to handling, storing, transporting and providing customers with natural gas;

risks related to our employee workforce;

the regulatory and pricing policies of federal and state regulatory agencies;

the costs of compliance with present and future environmental laws, including potential climate change-related legislation;

risks related to changes in accounting standards;

the impact of a disallowance of recovery of environmental-related expenditures and other regulatory changes;

environmental-related and other litigation and other uncertainties;

risks related to cyber-attack or failure of information technology systems; and

the impact of natural disasters, terrorist activities, and other extreme events could adversely affect our operations, financial conditions and results of operations.

While the Company periodically reassesses material trends and uncertainties affecting the Company's results of operations and financial condition in connection with its preparation of management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition contained in its Quarterly and Annual Reports, the Company does not, by including this statement, assume any obligation to review or revise any particular forward-looking statement referenced herein in light of future events.

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ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months E March 31,	Ended
(Thousands, except per share data)	2015	2014	2015	2014
OPERATING REVENUES				
Utility	\$374,703	\$394,528	\$583,430	\$627,997
Nonutility	638,387	1,185,041	1,253,784	1,829,977
Total operating revenues	1,013,090			