

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP  
 Form 4  
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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)  
 02/22/2008

(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) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code  | V Amount or Price |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2008                           |  | S   | 600 D \$ 47.3     | 82,517.59   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2008                           |  | S   | 300 D \$ 47.32    | 82,217.59   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2008                           |  | S   | 300 D \$ 47.33    | 81,917.59   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2008                           |  | S   | 400 D \$ 47.34    | 81,517.59   | D  |                                   |
|                                 | 02/22/2008                           |  | S   | 100 D             | 81,417.59   | D  |                                   |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   | \$ 47.35 |                          |                  |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 200   | D | \$ 47.36 | 81,217.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 300   | D | \$ 47.37 | 80,917.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 400   | D | \$ 47.38 | 80,517.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 700   | D | \$ 47.39 | 79,817.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 47.4  | 78,717.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 100   | D | \$ 47.41 | 78,617.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 47.42 | 77,617.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 500   | D | \$ 47.43 | 77,117.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 300   | D | \$ 47.44 | 76,817.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 200   | D | \$ 47.45 | 76,617.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 700   | D | \$ 47.46 | 75,917.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 200   | D | \$ 47.47 | 75,717.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 500   | D | \$ 47.48 | 75,217.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 600   | D | \$ 47.49 | 74,617.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 300   | D | \$ 47.5  | 74,317.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 500   | D | \$ 47.51 | 73,817.59                | D                |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2008 | S | 700   | D | \$ 47.53 | 73,117.59 <sup>(1)</sup> | D                |
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |          | 185.652                  | I Cust. for Rel. |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| DOWNES LAURENCE M<br>C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION<br>1415 WYCKOFF ROAD<br>WALL, NJ 07719 | X             |           | Chairman,<br>President &<br>CEO |       |

## Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-In-Fact (POA on File) 02/25/2008

\*\*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) Total includes shares held outright, shares held in the New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis and reflects calculated value, and shares purchased through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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