

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP  
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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 \*  
**SHIELDS JOSEPH P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP [NJR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/01/2008**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior V.P., Subsidiary**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	01/01/2008		A	4,050 A \$ 50.02	21,432.894 (1) (2)	D	
Common Stock					20.326 (3)	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)
Performance Shares	(4)	01/01/2008		A	4,050	(4) 09/30/2010	Common Stock 4,050

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SHIELDS JOSEPH P  
C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION  
1415 WYCKOFF ROAD  
WALL, NJ 07719

Senior V.P., Subsidiary

## Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on file)

01/03/2008

\_\_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).

Represents shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) 2007 Stock Award and Incentive

(1) Plan. Shares will vest in equal annual installments over three years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant, which will be January 1, 2009, and subject to the continued employment of the reporting person by NJR, except under certain conditions.

Total includes shares held outright, shares held in New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) deferral plan and shares held in NJR ESOP

(2) Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis that reflects a calculated value. Each include reinvested dividends through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP).

(3) Total includes reinvested dividends through the DRP.

Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of NJR common stock. The performance shares will vest, in an amount ranging between 0 and 150 percent of the number of shares reported on this Form 4, at the end of a thirty-three month

(4) performance period ending on September 30, 2010, and become payable in November 2010, only in the event that the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee determines that certain performance objectives are met. If performance does not meet the minimum threshold level, no performance shares will vest.

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