NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

(Street)

WALL, NJ 07719

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/15/2016		F		5,179	D	$ 34.45	370,794.653	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2016		M		26,912	A	$ 0	397,706.653 (1)	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2016		F		13,955	D	$ 34.35	383,751.653	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2016		M		10,179.063	D	$ 0	373,572.59 (2)	D	
	11/15/2016		M		34,671.959	A	$ 0		D	

Common Stock						408,244.549 (3)		
Common Stock	11/15/2016		F	17,978	D	$ 34.45	390,266.549	D

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	(1)	11/15/2016		M			28,864	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	28,864 (4)
Performance Shares	(3)	11/15/2016		M			21,072	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	21,072 (4)

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

/s/ Richard Reich, as attorney-in-fact for Laurence M. Downes	11/17/2016
**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 85% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 33-month period beginning on January 1, 2014, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the Board of Directors of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) of NJR's 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.

(2) The shares of performance-based restricted stock previously reported and granted on 12/19/13 are forfeited due to the applicable performance goal for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, not being met.

(3) Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 150% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period beginning on October 1, 2013, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the Board of Directors of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) of NJR's 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.

(4) Total reflects a two for one stock split on March 3, 2015.

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