

ENERGY EAST CORP
Form 4
February 14, 2003

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Benson, Richard R. (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Energy East Corporation (EAS)				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice President, Energy East Management Corporation, an affiliate company of Energy East Corporation			
Energy East Management Corporation P.O. Box 3287			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year February 12, 2003			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) Ithaca, NY 14852-3287			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)							

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	2/13/03				A		6000.0000			6854.2834 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock										1252.1260 ⁽²⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion or	3. Trans-	3A. Deemed	4. Trans-	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration	7. Title and Amount of Underlying	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative	10. Owner-	11. of
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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	action Code (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Date (Month/Day/ Year)		Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	ship Form of Deriv- ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Be Ov (In
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR ⁽³⁾	17.9375							⁽⁴⁾	2/5/08	Common Stock	20000.0000		20000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR ⁽³⁾	26.7188							⁽⁵⁾	2/19/09	Common Stock	40000.0000		40000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR ⁽³⁾	23.0625							⁽⁶⁾	2/11/10	Common Stock	40000.0000		40000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR ⁽³⁾	18.5500							⁽⁷⁾	2/1/11	Common Stock	60000.0000		60000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR ⁽³⁾	19.6200							⁽⁸⁾	2/8/12	Common Stock	60000.0000		60000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR ⁽³⁾	19.1000	2/12/03		A		20000.0000		⁽⁹⁾	2/12/13	Common Stock	20000.0000		20000.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes equity securities acquired with reinvested dividends which are exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-11.

(2) Includes equity securities acquired with participant contributions, Company matching fund contributions, and reinvested dividends pursuant to the common stock fund of the Company's 401(k) Plan which are exempt from reporting.

(3) The Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) was issued in tandem with an Employee Stock Option (right to buy). The exercise of a SAR will result in the corresponding cancellation of the Employee Stock Option (right to buy) to the extent of the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock as to which SARs are exercised. The exercise of the Employee Stock Option (right to buy) will result in the corresponding cancellation of a SAR to the extent of the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock as to which the Employee Stock Option (right to buy) is exercised.

(4) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on January 1, 1999; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2000; and (c) on January 1, 2001 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.

(5) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more

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than 33 1/3% on February 19, 1999; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2000; and (c) on January 1, 2001 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.

(6) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 11, 2000; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2001; and (c) on January 1, 2002 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.

(7) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 1, 2001; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2002; and (c) on January 1, 2003 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.

(8) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 8, 2002; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2003; and (c) on January 1, 2004 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.

(9) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 12, 2003; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2004; and (c) on January 1, 2005 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.

By: /s/ **Richard R. Benson**

2/14/03

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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