

Ellis Kathleen T
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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 *
 Ellis Kathleen T

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/28/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

(Street)

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

WALL, NJ 07719

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/28/2009 | | A | (A) or (D) A | Amount 1,286 Price \$ 36.38 | (1) (2) | D |
| | | | | | 17,320.238 | | |

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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Performance Shares | (3) | 12/28/2009 | | A | 1,286 | (3) 09/30/2012 | Common Stock | 1,286 |
| Performance Shares | (4) | 12/28/2009 | | A | 1,761 | (4) 09/30/2012 | Common Stock | 1,761 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ellis Kathleen T C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on File) 12/28/2009

**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 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Shares will vest in three equal installments, which will be on October 15, 2010, October 15, 2011, and October 15, 2012, and subject to the continued employment of the reporting person by NJR, except under certain conditions.
- (2) Total includes shares held in the NJR 401(k) Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis that reflects a calculated value, and shares purchased through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Represents performance share granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will become vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable performance goals for the 36 month period ending September 30, 2012, have been met.
- (4) Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will become vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable performance goals for the 33 month period ending September 30, 2012, have been met.

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