

DOWNES LAURENCE M
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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)
11/14/2017

(Street)
WALL, NJ 07719

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	11/14/2017		M		19,422 A \$ 0	407,539.451 (1)	D
Common Stock	11/14/2017		F		10,071 D \$ 45	397,468.451	D
Common Stock	11/14/2017		M		17,901 A \$ 0	415,369.451 (2)	D
Common Stock	11/14/2017		F		9,282 D \$ 45	406,087.451	D
	11/14/2017		M		8,941 A \$ 0		D

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Common Stock						415,028.451	
						<u>(3)</u>	
Common Stock	11/14/2017		F	4,636	D	\$ 45	410,392.451 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Performance Shares	<u>(1)</u>	11/14/2017		M	19,422	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	19,422 <u>(4)</u>
Performance Shares	<u>(2)</u>	11/14/2017		M	17,901	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	17,901 <u>(4)</u>
Performance Shares	<u>(5)</u>	11/14/2017		A	17,814	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	17,814 <u>(4)</u>

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

11/17/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 108.44% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period beginning on October 1, 2014, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the

(1) 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.

Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 119% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period beginning on October 1, 2014, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the Board of

(2) 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.

Represents 33% of the shares of performance-based restricted stock unit award previously granted on November 15, 2016 plus accrued dividends, which vested on November 14, 2017, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee

(3) (LDCC) of the Board of Directors of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) of NJR's performance versus the applicable performance goals. The Performance-based restricted stock units converted 1 for 1 into shares of NJR common stock. There is no purchase or sale price upon the vesting of the shares of performance-based restricted stock.

(4) Total reflects a 2 for 1 stock split on March 3, 2015.

Represents remaining number of performance-based restricted stock units previously granted on November 15, 2016, which will vest in

(5) two equal annual installments beginning on November 14, 2018. The performance-based restricted stock units will convert 1 for 1 into shares of NJR common stock.

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