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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Departing De

| 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) | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|--------|-------------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2014 | | | | | X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| | (Street) | (Street) 4. If Amendment, I Filed(Month/Day/Ye | | | - | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| WALL, NJ 07719 | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secu | rities Acc | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficia | ally Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year |) Execution any | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D) | 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) | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2014 | | | A | 9,185 | A | \$ 52.78 | 158,971.473 (1) (2) | D | | |
| Common Stock | 10/15/2014 | | | F | 4,125 | D | \$ 52.78 | 154,846.473 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 344.383 <u>(3)</u> | I | Custodian for Relative | |

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. Transactic 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) | | 8. Prio Deriva Securi (Instr. |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Deferred Stock Units | <u>(4)</u> | 10/15/2014 | | M | 9,185 | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 9,185 | <u>(4</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---|-------|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Onships Officer Chairman, President & CEO | Other | |
| DOWNES LAURENCE M C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719 | X | | President & | | |
| Signatures | | | | | |
| Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on File) | 10/17/201 | 4 | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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).

Date

- (1) Total includes accrued dividends of 231.956 shares of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) Common Stock held in the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP).
- (2) Total includes shares held in the NJR Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) which include reinvested dividends through the NJR DRP.
- (3) Total includes 4.032 shares reinvested dividends through the NJR DRP (Custodial for Relative)
- (4) Each deferred stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NJR common stock.

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(5) Deferred stock unit award is payable subject to certain conditions on 10/15/2014.

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