

WPS RESOURCES CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 JOHNSON BRADLEY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

700 NORTH ADAMS STREET, P.  
 O. BOX 19001

(Street)

GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

WPS RESOURCES CORP [WPS]

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

12/08/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Vice President and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					1,928.756	I	By ESOP
Common Stock					819.382	I	By Stock Investment Plan
Common Stock					600	I	Joint with Spouse

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		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Shares
					Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.11 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/08/2004		A	6,071		12/08/2005	12/08/2014	Common Stock	
Performance Rights	\$ 0.0001	12/08/2004		A	707		01/01/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.09 <sup>(3)</sup>						12/13/2002	12/13/2011	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.96 <sup>(4)</sup>						12/12/2003	12/12/2012	Common Stock	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 44.73 <sup>(5)</sup>						12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock	
Performance Rights	\$ 0						01/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/30/2006	Common Stock	
Performance Rights	\$ 0						01/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/30/2007	Common Stock	
Phantom Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>						<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock	4,8

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

JOHNSON BRADLEY A  
700 NORTH ADAMS STREET  
P. O. BOX 19001  
GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

Vice  
President and  
Treasurer

## Signatures

By: Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed August  
2002)

12/10/2004

\_\_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) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 2005.
- (2) Performance shares vest and are issued three years after the performance shares are awarded and the final number of shares issued is determined based on company performance against an established industry benchmark.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2002.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2003.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2004.
- (6) These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (7) Unless the participant has selected a later commencement date, distribution of stock and equivalents will commence within 60 days following the end of the calendar year in which occurs the participant's retirement or termination of service.

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