

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

(Street)

WALL, NJ 07719

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP [NJR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2016

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)
Chairman, President & CEO

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		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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	11/15/2016		F		5,179	D	\$ 34.45	370,794.653	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2016		M		26,912	A	\$ 0	397,706.653 (1)	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2016		F		13,955	D	\$ 34.35	383,751.653	D	
Common Stock	11/15/2016		M		10,179.063	D	\$ 0	373,572.59 (2)	D	
	11/15/2016		M		34,671.959	A	\$ 0		D	

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(1) Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 85% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 33-month period beginning on January 1, 2014, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the 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.

(2) The shares of performance-based restricted stock previously reported and granted on 12/19/13 are forfeited due to the applicable performance goal for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, not being met.

(3) Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 150% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period beginning on October 1, 2013, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the 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.

(4) Total reflects a two for one stock split on March 3, 2015.

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