

DOWNES LAURENCE M  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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 and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/15/2011

(Street)  
WALL, NJ 07719

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

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/15/2011		M		22,500	A	\$ 20.993	145,296.776	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2011		M		72,000	A	\$ 30.3667	217,296.776	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2011		F		74,434.841	D	\$ 45.05	142,861.935 (1) (2) (3)	D	
Common Stock								313.569 (4)	I	Custodian for Relative

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Buy Stock	\$ 20.9934	08/15/2011		M	22,500	01/15/2004 01/15/2013	Common Stock	22,500
Options to Buy Stock	\$ 30.3667	08/15/2011		M	72,000	05/17/2006 05/17/2015	Common Stock	72,000

## 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 and CEO	

## Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on File) 08/16/2011

\*\*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) Total includes shares held outright, shares held in the New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis and reflects calculated value, and shares purchased through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP).
- (2) Total includes an accrual of 921.90 shares of NJR Common Stock through DRP.

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- (3) Disposition of shares reflects net share settlement and payment of taxes in connection with exercise of options.
- (4) Total includes an accrual of 5.767 shares of NJR Common Stock through DRP.

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