

NEW JERSEY 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 *
 Sperduto Mark

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/01/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 V.P., Subsidiary

C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

(Street)

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

WALL, NJ 07719

(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	10/01/2008		A	843.75 A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	8,509.105 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2008		F	373 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 36.27 ⁽⁴⁾	8,136.105 ⁽²⁾	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sperduto Mark C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719			V.P., Subsidiary	

Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on File) 10/03/2008

__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) Performance Units previously reported on Form 4 that were issued pursuant to the Company's Long Term Plan vested over a 30 month period if certain performance goals were met, beginning in May 2005, with 50% that was paid on October 1, 2007, and 50% payable on October 1, 2008, if still employed by Company. Performance Units convert 1 for 1 into shares of Company common stock. There is no purchase or sales price upon vesting of the Performance Units. Includes accrued dividends. Share amounts reflect an increase due to the 3-for-2 stock split as of 3/3/08.
 - (2) Includes actual number of shares that vested and reinvested dividends through the New Jersey Resources Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
 - (3) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligation.
 - (4) Represents the last reported sales price of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on October 1, 2008.

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