

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

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ZOFFINGER GEORGE R

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | |
| ZOFFINGER GEORGE R | | NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP [NJR] | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | |
| C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD | | 1/3/2017 | | | |
| (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | |
| WALL, NJ 07719 | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 1/3/2017 | | A | | 2849 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 2849.0 | \$35.10 | 84418.844 (3) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Each Phantom Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one (1) share of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) Common Stock.
- (2) The Phantom Stock Units represent director fees that are deferred pursuant to NJR's Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and are to be paid in 5 equal annual payments in NJR Common Stock when Mr. Zoffinger ceases to be a Director.
- (3) Total includes accrued dividends of 2,212.730 shares of NJR Common Stock through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ZOFFINGER GEORGE R C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Richard Reich, as attorney-in-fact for George R. Zoffinger

1/5/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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