

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Symbol	NJR
SIC Code	4924 - Natural Gas Distribution
Industry	Natural Gas Utilities
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person -* O'Connor Thomas C (Last) (First) (Middle) 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD (Street) WALL, NJ 07719 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP [NJR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">5/9/2017</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than 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. 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)
			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)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					Title
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	5/9/2017		A		1629.397		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	1629.397	\$39.85	1629.397	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 one lump sum in NJR Common Stock when Mr. O'Connor ceases to be a Director.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O'Connor Thomas C 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719	X			

Signatures

/s/ **Richard Reich, as attorney-in-fact for Thomas C. O'Connor**

5/10/2017

**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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