

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

Reported by
HOWARD M WILLIAM JR

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| CIK | 0000356309 |
| Symbol | NJR |
| SIC Code | 4924 - Natural Gas Distribution |
| Industry | Natural Gas Utilities |
| Sector | Utilities |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOWARD M WILLIAM JR (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 (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">1/31/2017</p> | 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) |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | 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 |

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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 1/31/2017 | | M | | 2826 | A | \$0 | 15266.096 (1) | D | |

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 | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (2) | 1/31/2017 | | M | | 2826 | 1/31/2017 | 1/31/2017 | Common Stock | 2826.0 | \$0 (2) | 15606.21 (3) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Total includes an accrual of .018 shares of NJR Common Stock through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP).
- (2) Each Phantom Stock Unit is the economic equivalent of one (1) share of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) Common Stock.
- (3) Total includes 109.331 shares of accrued dividends.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOWARD M WILLIAM JR C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ **Richard Reich, as attorney-in-fact for M. William Howard, Jr.**

2/2/2017

**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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