DOWNES LAURENCE M

Form 4

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1(b).

(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)					
(Last) C/O NEW J CORPORA' ROAD	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2017				X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)							
					4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
WALL, NJ						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	2 d 2. Securities Acquired Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)					
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	11/14/2017			M	19,422	A	\$0	407,539.451 (1)	D			
Common Stock	11/14/2017			F	10,071	D	\$ 45	397,468.451	D			
Common Stock	11/14/2017			M	17,901	A	\$ 0	415,369.451 (2)	D			
Common Stock	11/14/2017			F	9,282	D	\$ 45	406,087.451	D			
	11/14/2017			M	8,941	A	\$0		D			

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Common 415,028.451 Stock (3)

Common Stock F 4,636 D \$45 410,392.451 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numb of Sh
Performance Shares	<u>(1)</u>	11/14/2017		M		19,422	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	19,4 (4
Performance Shares	<u>(2)</u>	11/14/2017		M		17,901	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	17,9 (4
Performance Shares	<u>(5)</u>	11/14/2017		A	17,814		<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	17,8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting of the firm of the results	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DOWNES LAURENCE M C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719	X		Chairman, President & CEO			
Signatures						
/s/ Richard Reich, as attorney-in-fact for Laurence M. Downes	1	1/17/2017				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 108.44% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period beginning on October 1, 2014, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the
- (1) Board of Directors of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) of NJR's performance versus the applicable performance goal. Performance Shares converted 1 for 1 into shares of NJR common stock. There is no purchase or sale price upon vesting of the Performance Shares.
- Represents number of Performance Shares, which vested at 119% of the target amount (plus accrued dividends), after a 36-month period beginning on October 1, 2014, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee (LDCC) of the Board of Directors of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) of NJR's performance versus the applicable performance goal. Performance Shares converted 1 for 1 into shares of NJR common stock. There is no purchase or sale price upon vesting of the Performance Shares.
 - Represents 33% of the shares of performance-based restricted stock unit award previously granted on November 15, 2016 plus accrued dividends, which vested on November 14, 2017, upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee
- (3) (LDCC) of the Board of Directors of New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) of NJR's performance versus the applicable performance goals. The Performance-based restricted stock units converted 1 for 1 into shares of NJR common stock. There is no purchase or sale price upon the vesting of the shares of performance-based restricted stock.
- (4) Total reflects a 2 for 1 stock split on March 3, 2015.
- Represents remaining number of performance-based restricted stock units previously granted on November 15, 2016, which will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on November 14, 2018. The performance-based restricted stock units will convert 1 for 1 into shares of NIR common stock

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