

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
 DOWNES LAURENCE M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCE 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 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President &CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/12/2006		S	700	D \$ 48.22	101,443.91 (1)	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S	400	D \$ 48.23	101,043.91	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S	1,300	D \$ 48.24	99,743	D
Common Stock	08/15/2006		S	700	D \$ 48.25	99,043.91	D
	08/15/2006		S	200	D	98,843.91	D

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(1) THIS IS FORM 5 0F 5 -- these entries are a continuation of Form #4 of 5 submitted this date.

(2) This reflects the reporting of a voluntary gift.

(3) Total includes shares held outright; shares held in company ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis and reflects calculated value, and shares in compensation deferral plan which includes reinvested dividends.

(4) Total includes reinvested dividends through DRP.

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