

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

Form 4

January 03, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ellis Kathleen T

(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
(Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/01/2008		A	4,000	A \$ 7,662.261 ⁽¹⁾ 50.02 ⁽²⁾	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)**

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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. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	(3)	01/01/2008		A	4,000	(3) 09/30/2010	Common Stock 4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Ellis Kathleen T C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719	Senior Vice President

Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-In-Fact (POA
on File) 01/03/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- Represents shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) 2007 Stock Award and Incentive
- (1) Plan. Shares will vest in equal annual installments over three years beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant, which will be January 1, 2009, and subject to the continued employment of the reporting person by NJR, except under certain conditions.
- (2) Total includes shares held in the NJR 401-K Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis that reflects a calculated value, and shares purchased through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of NJR common stock. The performance shares will vest, in an amount ranging between 0 and 150 percent of the number of shares reported on this Form 4, at the end of a thirty-three month
- (3) performance period ending on September 30, 2010, and become payable in November 2010, only in the event that the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee determines that certain performance objectives are met. If performance does not meet the minimum threshold level, no performance shares will vest.

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