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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION								OMB APPROVAL			
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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and A DOWNES I	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP [NJR]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
					CORP	(Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
	ERSEY RESOU TION, 1415 WY		08/31/2	-				below) Chairman	below) , President & C	CEO	
	(Street)			endment, Da	-	1		6. Individual or Jo	int/Group Filin	g(Check	
WALL, NJ	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
		(Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-D	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, i any (Month/Day/Year)		n Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ar) (Instr. 8) (A) or			Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	08/31/2017			F	842 (1)	D	\$ 43.65	371,612.384	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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DOWNES LAURENCE M C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719	Х		Chairman, President & CEO			
Signatures						
/s/ Richard Reich, as attorney-in-fact for Laurence M. Downes	0	9/05/2017				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				
Explanation of Responses:						
	(1 - 1)					

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares withheld to pay taxes related to monthly vesting of performance-based restricted stock due to executive's eligibility for retirement.

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