

Westhoven Stephen D
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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 *
 Westhoven Stephen D

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) (First) (Middle)
 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/28/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. V.P., Subsidiary

WALL, NJ 07719
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/28/2010 | | A | V | 1,719 (1) | \$ 43.81 (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Performance Shares | (3) | 12/28/2010 | | A | 2,644 | (3) 09/30/2013 | Common Stock | 2,644 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Westhoven Stephen D 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719 | | | Sr. V.P., Subsidiary | |

Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on File) 12/29/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- 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 three equal installments, which will be on October 15, 2011, October 15, 2012 and October 15, 2013, subject to the continued employment of the reporting person by NJR, except under certain conditions.
 - (2) Total includes shares held in the NJR ESOP Plan and 401(K) Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis that reflects a calculated value. Each includes reinvested dividends through the NJR Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the New Jersey Resources Corporation (NJR) 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan.
- (3) Shares will become vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable performance goals for the 33 month period ending September 30, 2013, have been met.

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