

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP
Form 8-K
March 20, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 20, 2012 (March 20, 2012)

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| New Jersey (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 001-8359 (Commission File Number) | 22-2376465 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 1415 Wyckoff Road Wall, New Jersey (Address of principal executive offices) | 07719 (Zip Code) |
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(732) 938-1480
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD

On March 20, 2012 New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of New Jersey Resources Corporation (“NJR”), filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities seeking to implement a Safety Acceleration and Facility Enhancement (SAFE) program. NJNG announced the filing in a press release dated March 20, 2012, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein. NJR also published an Investor Fact Sheet entitled “New Jersey Natural Gas Company Files Innovative SAFE Program,” attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

Forward-Looking Statements

This filing contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. NJR cautions readers that the assumptions forming the basis for forward-looking statements include many factors that are beyond NJR's ability to control or estimate precisely, such as estimates of future market conditions and the behavior of other market participants. Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the company's expectations include, but are not limited to, economic conditions and demographic changes in NJNG's service territory, rate of customer growth, volatility of natural gas commodity prices and its impact on customer usage, changes in rating agency requirements and/or credit ratings and their effect on availability and cost of capital to the company, conditions in the credit markets and their potential impact on the company's access to capital and borrowing costs, the impact of federal and state regulation (including the regulation of rates and the approval of the SAFE Program), the outcome of any future base rate cases, fluctuations in energy-related commodity prices, customer conversions, other marketing efforts, actual energy usage patterns of NJNG's customers, access to adequate supplies of natural gas, changes due to legislation at the federal and state level, the effects and impacts of inflation, change in accounting pronouncements issued by the appropriate standard setting bodies and terrorist attacks or threatened attacks on energy facilities or unrelated energy companies. NJR does not, by including this paragraph, assume any obligation to review or revise any particular forward-looking statement referenced herein in light of future events. More detailed information about these factors is set forth under the heading “Risk Factors” in NJR's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) including its most recent Form 10-K filed on November 23, 2011 and 10-Q dated February 8, 2012.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated March 20, 2012. |
| 99.2 | Investor Fact Sheet dated March 20, 2012 |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 20, 2012

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Glenn C. Lockwood
Glenn C. Lockwood
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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