NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ellis Kathleen T Issuer Symbol NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP (Check all applicable) [NJR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES 12/14/2015 Senior Vice President CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WALL, NJ 07719 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D) Common 3,525 12/14/2015 \$0 90,431.504 D Stock

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on 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) | | 8 I S (|
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|--|------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Deferred Stock Units | <u>(2)</u> | 12/14/2015 | | A | 2,498 | <u>(3)</u> | (3) | Common Stock | 2,498 | |
| Performance Shares | <u>(4)</u> | 12/14/2015 | | A | 2,098 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 2,098 | |
| Performance Shares | <u>(5)</u> | 12/14/2015 | | A | 1,763 | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 1,763 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| reporting of the France France | 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) | 12/14/2015 | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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 on October 15, 2016, October 15, 2017, and October 15, 2018, subject to the continued employment of the reporting person by NJR, except under certain conditions.

Date

- (2) Each deferred stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of NJR common stock.
- (3) Deferred stock unit award is payable subject to certain conditions on October 15, 2018.
- Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will be vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable total shareholder return performance goal for the 36 month period ending September 30, 2018 has been met.
- Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will be vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable net financial earnings performance goal for the 36 month period ending September 30, 2018 has been met.

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