

WPS RESOURCES CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**PROTZ WILLIAM F JR**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 700 NORTH ADAMS STREET, P.  
 O. BOX 19001

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WPS RESOURCES CORP [WPS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/20/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/20/2004		A	15.235 A \$ 49.035	1,361.309	I	By Stock Investment Plan
Common Stock					107,559	I	As trustee for Harry K. Wrench Trust
Common Stock					66,282	I	As trustee for Ruth Frazer Wrench Trust

Common Stock	21,680	I	By Spouse by Stock Investment Plan
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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)	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Unit	(1)	12/20/2004		A	42.6018	(2)	(2)			Common Stock	42.6018
Phantom Stock Unit	(3)	12/20/2004		A	16.1387	(2)	(2)			Common Stock	16.1387

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PROTZ WILLIAM F JR 700 NORTH ADAMS STREET P. O. BOX 19001 GREEN BAY, WI 543079001	X			

## Signatures

By: Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed August 2002) 12/22/2004

\_\_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).

(1) These deferred stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) Unless the participant has selected a later commencement date, distribution of stock and equivalents will commence within 60 days following the end of the calendar year in which occurs the participant's retirement or termination of service.

(3) These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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