

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SHIELDS JOSEPH P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

(Street)

WALL, NJ 07719

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP [NJR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/21/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Senior V.P., Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	12/21/2007		M		20,000	A	\$ 27.3333	37,389.965	D	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/21/2007		S		600	D	\$ 49.29	36,789.965	D	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/21/2007		S		300	D	\$ 49.3	36,489.965	D	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/21/2007		S		70	D	\$ 49.31	36,419.965	D	Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	12/21/2007		S		300	D	\$ 49.35	36,119.965	D	Beneficial Ownership

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Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	200	D	\$ 49.37	35,919.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	200	D	\$ 49.38	35,719.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	330	D	\$ 49.39	35,389.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	300	D	\$ 49.4	35,089.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 49.41	34,989.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 49.42	34,889.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 49.44	34,789.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	600	D	\$ 49.45	34,189.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 49.46	34,089.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	300	D	\$ 49.47	33,789.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	900	D	\$ 49.55	32,889.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	556	D	\$ 49.57	32,333.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	344	D	\$ 49.58	31,989.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 49.6	31,889.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	400	D	\$ 49.61	31,489.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	200	D	\$ 49.62	31,289.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	700	D	\$ 49.66	30,589.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	900	D	\$ 49.7	29,689.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	200	D	\$ 49.71	29,489.965	D
	12/21/2007	S	200	D	\$ 49.8	29,289.965	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	200	D	\$ 49.85	29,089.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	200	D	\$ 49.86	28,889.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 49.88	28,789.965	D
Common Stock	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 50.02	28,689.965	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/21/2007	S	100	D	\$ 50.03	28,589.965	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)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 27.3333 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/21/2007		M	20,000	11/29/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/28/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHIELDS JOSEPH P C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719			Senior V.P., Subsidiary	

## Signatures

Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA  
on File)

12/21/2007

\_\_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) Form 1 of 2 - number of entries exceeds lines allowed on form. Please see continuation of Form 4 on form 2 of 2.
  - (2) Price reflects change due to 3 for 2 stock split as of 3/1/02.
  - (3) Options are exercisable 25% each year beginning the first anniversary date of grant, which was November 29, 2001.

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