

SMITH GEORGE C
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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 *
SMITH GEORGE C

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION, 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/22/2004

(Street)
WALL, NJ 07719

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	11/22/2004		A	(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price A 1,000 \$ (1) 38.58	2,872.1499 (2)	D	
Common Stock					17.909 (3)	I	Cust. for Rel.

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 38.58	11/22/2004		A	4,000	11/22/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 11/22/2014	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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WALL, NJ 07719

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Signatures

Oleta J. Harden - Attorney-In-Fact (POA on file)

11/23/2004

__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 performance units will vest on October 1, 2005 if certain goals are met, with 50% payable in 2005 and 50% payable if employed by the Company at the end of fiscal 2006.
- (2) Total includes shares held in DRP and in Company's ESOP Plan that are accounted for on a unitized basis and reflects calculated value.
- (3) Total includes reinvested dividends through DRP.
- (4) Options exercisable 25% each year after the first year.

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