NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP

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FORM 10 Q

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 OR o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

Commission file number 001 08359

#### NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey 22 2376465 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 22 1376465 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1415 Wyckoff Road, Wall, New Jersey 07719 732 938 1480

(Address of principal (Registrant's telephone number,

executive offices) including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act:

Common Stock \$2.50 Par Value New York Stock Exchange

(Title of each class) (Name of each exchange on which registered)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes: x No: o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes: x No: o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated

filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b 2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer: x Accelerated filer: o

Non-accelerated filer: o (Do not check if a smaller

reporting company)

Smaller reporting company: o Emerging growth company: o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes: o No: x

The number of shares outstanding of \$2.50 par value Common Stock as of February 6, 2018 was 87,594,863.

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#### **GLOSSARY OF KEY**

**TERMS** 

Adelphia Gateway, LLC

AFUDC Allowance for Funds Used During Construction AOCI Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

ASC Accounting Standards Codification
ASU Accounting Standards Update

Bcf Billion Cubic Feet

BGSS Basic Gas Supply Service

BPU New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
CIP Conservation Incentive Program
CME Chicago Mercantile Exchange

CR&R Commercial Realty & Resources Corp.

DM Dominion Midstream Partners, L.P., a master limited partnership

**DM Common** 

Units Common units representing limited partnership interests in DM

DRP NJR Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Dths Dekatherms
EE Energy Efficiency

FASB Financial Accounting Standards Board

FCM Futures Commission Merchant

FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Financial margin

A non-GAAP financial measure, which represents revenues earned from the sale of natural gas less costs of natural gas sold including any transportation and storage costs, and excludes any accounting

impact from the change in the fair value of certain derivative instruments

FMB First Mortgage Bond

GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of the United States

Home Services

and Other

ICE Intercontinental Exchange
IEC Interstate Energy Company, LLC

ISDA The International Swaps and Derivatives Association

Home Services and Other Operations

ITC Federal Investment Tax Credit
MGP Manufactured Gas Plant
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

Mortgage The Amended and Restated Indenture of Mortgage, Deed of Trust and Security Agreement between

Indenture NJNG and U.S. Bank National Association dated as of September 1, 2014

MW Megawatts MWh Megawatt Hour

NAESB The North American Energy Standards Board

NFE Net Financial Earnings

NJ RISE New Jersey Reinvestment in System Enhancement

NJCEP New Jersey's Clean Energy Program

NJDEP New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

NJNG New Jersey Natural Gas Company

NJNG Credit

NJNG's \$250 million unsecured committed credit facility expiring in May 2019

NJR Credit

**Facility** 

Facility

NJR's \$425 million unsecured committed credit facility expiring in September 2020

NJR or The Company NJRHS New Jersey Resources Corporation NJR Home Services Company

Non-GAAP Not in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of the United States

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#### **GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS**

(cont.)

NPNS Normal Purchase/Normal Sale
NYMEX New York Mercantile Exchange
O&M Operation and Maintenance
OCI Other Comprehensive Income
OPEB Other Postemployment Benefit Plans

PennEast PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC
PPA Power Purchase Agreement
PTC Federal Production Tax Credit
RAC Remediation Adjustment Clause
REC Renewable Energy Certificate

S&P Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC SAFE Safety Acceleration and Facility Enhancement

SAVEGREEN The SAVEGREEN Project® SBC Societal Benefits Charge

SEC U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission SREC Solar Renewable Energy Certificate

SRL Southern Reliability Link

Steckman Ridge Collectively, Steckman Ridge GP, LLC and Steckman Ridge, LP

Talen Talen Energy Marketing, LLC Tetco Texas Eastern Transmission

The Exchange

Act The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

The Tax Act

An Act to Provide for Reconciliation Pursuant to Titles II and V of the Concurrent Resolution on the

Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, previously known as The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017

Trustee U.S. Bank National Association U.S. The United States of America USF Universal Service Fund

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# INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this report, including, without limitation, statements as to management expectations, assumptions and beliefs presented in Part I, Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," Part I, Item 3. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," Part II, Item I. "Legal Proceedings" and in the notes to the financial statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can also be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "estimate," "may," "could," "might," "intend," "expect," "beli "will" "plan," or "should," or comparable terminology and are made based upon management's current expectations, assumptions and beliefs as of this date concerning future developments and their potential effect on us. There can be no assurance that future developments will be in accordance with management's expectations, assumptions or beliefs, or that the effect of future developments on us will be those anticipated by management.

We caution readers that the expectations, assumptions and beliefs that form the basis for forward-looking statements regarding customer growth, customer usage, qualifications for ITCs, PTCs and SRECs, future rate case proceedings, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, capital requirements, future capital expenditures, market risk, effective tax rate and other matters for fiscal 2018 and thereafter include many factors that are beyond our ability to control or estimate precisely, such as estimates of future market conditions, the behavior of other market participants and changes in the debt and equity capital markets. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations, assumptions and beliefs include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, as well as the following:

risks associated with our investments in clean energy projects, including the availability of regulatory and tax incentives, the availability of viable projects, our eligibility for ITCs and PTCs, the future market for SRECs and electricity prices and operational risks related to projects in service;

our ability to obtain governmental and regulatory approvals, land-use rights, electric grid connection (in the case of elean energy projects) and/or financing for the construction, development and operation of our unregulated energy investments and NJNG's infrastructure projects in a timely manner;

•risks associated with acquisitions and the related integration of acquired assets with our current operations; volatility of natural gas and other commodity prices and their impact on NJNG customer usage, NJNG's BGSS incentive programs, our Energy Services segment operations and on our risk management efforts;

the level and rate at which NJNG's costs and expenses are incurred and the extent to which they are approved for recovery from customers through the regulatory process, including through future base rate case filings;

the impact of a disallowance of recovery of environmental-related expenditures and other regulatory changes; the performance of our subsidiaries;

operating risks incidental to handling, storing, transporting and providing customers with natural gas; access to adequate supplies of natural gas and dependence on third-party storage and transportation facilities for natural gas supply;

the regulatory and pricing policies of federal and state regulatory agencies;

timing of qualifying for ITCs and PTCs due to delays or failures to complete planned solar and wind energy projects and the resulting effect on our effective tax rate and earnings;

the results of legal or administrative proceedings with respect to claims, rates, environmental issues, gas cost prudence reviews and other matters;

risks related to cyberattacks or failure of information technology systems;

changes in rating agency requirements and/or credit ratings and their effect on availability and cost of capital to our Company;

our ability to comply with current and future regulatory requirements;

the impact of volatility in the equity and credit markets on our access to capital;

the impact to the asset values and resulting higher costs and funding obligations of our pension and postemployment benefit plans as a result of potential downturns in the financial markets, lower discount rates, revised actuarial assumptions or impacts associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

commercial and wholesale credit risks, including the availability of creditworthy customers and counterparties, and liquidity in the wholesale energy trading market;

accounting effects and other risks associated with hedging activities and use of derivatives contracts;

our ability to optimize our physical assets;

any potential need to record a valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets;

changes to tax laws and regulations;

weather and economic conditions;

our ability to comply with debt covenants;

demographic changes in our service territory and their effect on our customer growth;

the impact of natural disasters, terrorist activities and other extreme events on our operations and customers; the costs of compliance with present and future environmental laws, including potential climate change-relate

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environmental-related and other uncertainties related to litigation or administrative proceedings;

risks related to our employee workforce; and

risks associated with the management of our joint ventures and partnerships, and investment in a master limited partnership.

While we periodically reassess material trends and uncertainties affecting our results of operations and financial condition in connection with the preparation of management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition contained in our Quarterly and Annual Reports on Form 10-Q and Form 10-K, respectively, we do not, by including this statement, assume any obligation to review or revise any particular forward-looking statement referenced herein in light of future events.

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Part I

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL **STATEMENTS** 

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

Three Months

Ended

December 31,

(Thousands, except per share data) 2017

2016

**OPERATING REVENUES** 

Utility \$209,787 \$185,556 Nonutility 495,518 355,472