

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 *
HEARNE TIMOTHY C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O NEW JERSEY
 RESOURCES, 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)
08/17/2006

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)
Sr. Vice President of Sub

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$ 24.625 | 22,602.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 48.79 | 22,402.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | | 400 | D | \$ 48.8 | 22,002.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | | 800 | D | \$ 48.81 | 21,202.91 | D | |
| | 08/17/2006 | | S | | 700 | D | \$ 48.82 | 20,502.907 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|--------|---|-----------|---------------------------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 500 | D | \$ 48.83 | 20,002.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 48.84 | 19,902.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 48.85 | 19,802.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 48.86 | 19,502.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 400 | D | \$ 48.87 | 19,102.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 48.88 | 17,602.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | M | 10,000 | A | \$ 27.333 | 27,602.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 900 | D | \$ 48.88 | 26,702.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 500 | D | \$ 48.89 | 26,202.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 6,900 | D | \$ 48.9 | 19,302.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 48.91 | 18,202.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 500 | D | \$ 48.92 | 17,702.907 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/17/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 48.95 | 17,791.725 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 245.25 ⁽²⁾ | 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 | 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
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| Derivative Security | | | or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|---|---|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | | | |
| Stock Option (Right-to-Buy) | \$ 24.625 (3) | 08/17/2006 | M | | | 01/26/2000(5) | 01/26/2009 | Common Stock |
| Stock Option (Right-to-Buy) | \$ 27.333 (3) | 08/17/2006 | M | | | 11/29/2001(5) | 11/29/2010 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HEARNE TIMOTHY C C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719 | | | Sr. Vice President of Sub | |

Signatures

Rhonda M. Figureoa
 08/17/2006
 **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) Total includes shares held in Company ESOP, 401K, Compensation Deferral Plan and reinvested dividends through DRP.
- (2) Total includes reinvested dividends through DRP.
- (3) Price reflects change due to 3 for 2 stock split as of 3/1/02.
- (4) Option shares represent increase due to 3 for 2 split as of 3/1/02.
- (5) Options are exercisable 25% each year beginning on the first anniversary date, which is listed here.

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