

NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP  
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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**

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)  
 Sr. V.P. of Subsidiary

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/18/2005**

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/18/2005		A	(1)	2,250 \$ 45.55	0	D
Common Stock	10/03/2005		D	(2)	6,000 \$ 0	13,547.796 (3)	D
Common Stock					18,972 (4)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 45.55	05/18/2005		A	18,000	05/18/2006 <sup>(5)</sup> 05/18/2015	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			Sr. V.P. of Subsidiary	

## Signatures

Oleta J. Harden - Attorney-In-Fact (POA on file) 10/05/2005

\*\*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 in 3 years if certain goals are met, with 50% payable in year 3 and 50% payable if employed by company at end of year 4.
- (2) This restricted stock previously reported is forfeited due to vesting criteria not being met.
- (3) Total includes shares held outright, shares held in compensation deferral plan and shares held in ESOP that are accounted for on a unitized basis that reflects a calculated value. Each include reinvested dividends through DRP.
- (4) Total includes reinvested dividends through DRP.
- (5) Options are exercisable 25% each year beginning with first anniversary date indicated here.

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