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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORP [NJR] Westhoven Stephen D (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O NEW JERSEY (Check all applicable) **RESOURCES** CORPORATION. 1415 10% Owner Director WYCKOFF ROAD _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Senior V.P., Subsidiary Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One

WALL, NJÂ 07719

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect

(Instr. 5)

Â Common Stock D 18,826.756

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of 1. Title of Derivative Security 5. 2. Date Exercisable and Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Ownership Conversion (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Performance Shares	(1)	09/30/2012	Common Stock	951	\$ 0	D	Â
Performance Shares	(2)	09/30/2012	Common Stock	1,303	\$ 0	D	Â
Options (Right-to-Buy)	05/17/2006(3)	05/17/2015	Common Stock	5,125	\$ 30.3667	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Westhoven Stephen D C/O NEW JERSEY RESOURCES CORPORATION 1415 WYCKOFF ROAD WALL, NJ 07719	Â	Â	Senior V.P., Subsidiary	Â		
Signatures						
Rhonda M. Figueroa - Attorney-in-Fact (POA on File)	05/2	0/2010				

**Signature of Reporting Person Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will become

 (1) vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable goals for the 36 month period ending September 30, 2012, have been met.

Date

- Represents performance shares granted pursuant to the NJR 2007 Stock Award and Incentive Plan. Performance shares will become

 (2) vested and non-forfeitable upon certification by the Leadership Development and Compensation Committee that the applicable goals for the 33 month period ending September 30, 2012, have been met.
- (3) Options are exercisable 25% each year beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant, which was 5/17/2006.

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