

WPS RESOURCES CORP
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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 *
NICK BARBARA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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(Street)

GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

WPS RESOURCES CORP [WPS]

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

12/08/2004

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)

Vice Pres, Corporate Services

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) Price			
Common Stock					15	I	By Custodian For Son
Common Stock					19.917	I	By Custodian For Son by SIP
Common Stock					34.917	I	By Daughter by Stock Investment Plan

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Common Stock	1,618.3464	I	By ESOP
Common Stock	3,254.6574	I	By Spouse by ESOP
Common Stock	113.854	I	Joint with Spouse by SIP

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares
Performance Rights	\$ 0.0001	12/08/2004		A	100	01/01/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 06/30/2008	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.09 ⁽²⁾					12/13/2002 12/13/2011	Common Stock	1,9
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.96 ⁽³⁾					12/12/2003 12/12/2012	Common Stock	3,
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 44.73 ⁽⁴⁾					12/10/2004 12/10/2013	Common Stock	4,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.11 ⁽⁵⁾					12/08/2005 12/08/2014	Common Stock	6,

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- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2004.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 2005.
- (6) These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (7) Unless the participant has selected a later commencement date, distribution of stock and equivalents will commence within 60 days following the end of the calendar year in which occurs the participant's retirement or termination of service.

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