

WPS RESOURCES CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NICK BARBARA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

700 NORTH ADAMS STREET, P. O. BOX 19001

(Street)

GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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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  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Vice Pres, Corporate Services

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

\_X\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or 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 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/30/2008	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.09 <sup>(2)</sup>					12/13/2002 12/13/2011	Common Stock	1,9
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.96 <sup>(3)</sup>					12/12/2003 12/12/2012	Common Stock	3,
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 44.73 <sup>(4)</sup>					12/10/2004 12/10/2013	Common Stock	4,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.11 <sup>(5)</sup>					12/08/2005 12/08/2014	Common Stock	6,

Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.09 <u>(2)</u>	12/13/2002	12/13/2011	Common Stock	2
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.96 <u>(3)</u>	12/12/2003	12/12/2012	Common Stock	3
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 44.73 <u>(4)</u>	12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock	5
Performance Rights	\$ 0	01/01/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/30/2005	Common Stock	5
Performance Rights	\$ 0	01/01/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/30/2006	Common Stock	5
Performance Rights	\$ 0	01/01/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/30/2007	Common Stock	5
Performance Rights	\$ 0.0001	01/01/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	7
Phantom Stock Unit	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	2,035

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICK BARBARA A 700 NORTH ADAMS STREET P. O. BOX 19001 GREEN BAY, WI 543079001			Vice Pres, Corporate Services	

## Signatures

By: Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed August 2002) 12/10/2004

         \*\*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) Performance shares vest and are issued three years after the performance shares are awarded and the final number of shares issued is determined based on company performance against an established industry benchmark.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2002.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2003.

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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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