

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 *
VERBANAC DANIEL J

(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
WPS RESOURCES CORP [WPS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2004

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)
 Chief Oper Off, WPS ESI, a sub

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	1,957.7274	I	By ESOP

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)

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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)
Phantom Stock Unit	(1)	12/20/2004		A	90.7603	(2) (2)	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.75 (3)					12/14/2001 12/14/2010	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 34.09 (4)					12/13/2002 12/13/2011	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 37.96 (5)					12/12/2003 12/12/2012	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 44.73 (6)					12/10/2004 12/10/2013	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.11 (7)					12/08/2005 12/08/2014	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0					01/01/2005(8) 06/30/2005	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0					01/01/2006(8) 06/30/2006	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0					01/01/2007(8) 06/30/2007	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0.0001					01/01/2008(8) 06/30/2008	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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GREEN BAY, WI 543079001

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Signatures

By: Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed February
2004)

12/22/2004

__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) These phantom stock units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 14, 2001.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2002.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2003.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2004.
- (7) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 2005.
- (8) 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.

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