

JAMES RICHARD E  
Form 4  
December 19, 2002

<p><b>FORM 4</b></p> <p>[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</p>	<p><b>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p><b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</b></p> <p>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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940</p>	<p>OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: December 31, 2001 Estimated average burden hours per response. . . . . 0.5</p>
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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p><b>James, Richard Evan</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p><b>700 North Adams Street</b> <b>P. O. Box 19001</b></p> <hr/> <p>(Street)</p> <p><b>Green Bay, WI 54307-9001</b></p> <hr/> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><b>WPS Resources Corporation</b> <b>WPS</b></p> <hr/> <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>	<p>4. Statement for (Month/Year)</p> <p><b>December 12, 2002</b></p> <hr/> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)</p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>_____ Director _____</p> <p>10% Owner _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____</p> <p>Other _____</p> <p>Officer/Other Description <b>Vice President - Corporate Planning</b></p> <hr/> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing</p>
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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)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code   V	Amount   A/D   Price			
<b>Common Stock</b>				<b>1,022.0000</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Common Stock</b>				<b>1,620.4103</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>By ESOP</b>

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**Explanation of responses:**

- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2003.
- (3) 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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