

WPS RESOURCES CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MEINZ THOMAS P

(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) below)

Senior VP - Public Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/20/2004		A		23.725	A	\$ 49.035	1,509.862	I	Joint with Mother By Stk Investment Plan
Common Stock								194	D	
Common Stock								5,134.0136	I	By ESOP
Common Stock								610	I	Joint with Mother

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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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	12/20/2004		A		142.9136		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ <u>34.75</u> <u>(3)</u>							12/14/2001	12/14/2010	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ <u>34.09</u> <u>(4)</u>							12/13/2002	12/13/2011	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ <u>37.96</u> <u>(5)</u>							12/12/2003	12/12/2012	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ <u>44.73</u> <u>(6)</u>							12/10/2004	12/10/2013	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ <u>48.11</u> <u>(7)</u>							12/08/2005	12/08/2014	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0							01/01/2005 <u>(8)</u>	06/30/2005	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0							01/01/2006 <u>(8)</u>	06/30/2006	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0							01/01/2007 <u>(8)</u>	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
MEINZ THOMAS P 700 NORTH ADAMS STREET P. O. BOX 19001 GREEN BAY, WI 543079001	Senior VP - Public Affairs

Signatures

By: Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed August 2002) 12/22/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** 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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