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Form 4
December 19, 2002

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| <p>FORM 4</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>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</p> <p>Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</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>Ford, Diane Lee</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>700 North Adams Street P. O. Box 19001</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>Green Bay, WI 54307-9001</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>WPS Resources Corporation WPS</p> <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p> | <p>4. Statement for (Month/Year)</p> <p>December 12, 2002</p> <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____</p> <p>Other _____</p> <p>Officer/Other Description Vice President - Controller and Chief Accounting Officer</p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing</p> |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2002 | A | 1,587.0000(1) A | 1,587.0000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/11/2002 | D | 1,587.0000(1) D | 1,604.6426 | I | By ESOP |
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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) | 4. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (V) Code (Instr.8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr.4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4) |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$37.9600 | 12/12/2002 | A | (A) 6,382.0000 | 12/12/2003 (2) 12/12/2012 | Common Stock - 6,382.0000 | \$37.9600 | 6,382.0000 | D | |
| Performance Rights | 1-for-1 | 12/12/2002 | A | (A) 836.0000 | Varies (3) Varies (3) | Common Stock - 0.0000 | \$37.9600 | 2,665.0000 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$23.1875 | | | | 03/13/2001 (4) 03/13/2010 | Common Stock - 6,000.0000 | | 6,000.0000 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$34.7500 | | | | 12/14/2001 (5) 12/14/2010 | Common Stock - 5,830.0000 | | 5,830.0000 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$34.0900 | | | | 12/13/2002 (6) 12/13/2011 | Common Stock - 6,244.0000 | | 6,244.0000 | D | |
| Phantom Stock Unit | 1-for-1 | | | | Varies (7) Varies (7) | Common Stock - 4,468.9412 | | 4,468.9412 | D | |
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Explanation of Responses :

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts _____ -
constitute Federal Criminal Violations. 12-18-2002
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). ** Signature of Reporting Person
Date

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Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed in August 2002)
Diane Lee Ford

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) Reflects shares allocated by the company's ESOP program and transferred to an individual account.
- (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.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 13, 2001.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 14, 2001.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2002.
- (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 as director.