## WOLF BARTH J

Form 4

December 19, 2002

FORM 4							OM	IB APPROVAL	
	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION								
[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).	STATEMENT ( Filed pursuant to Se Public Utility	Washington, D.C. 20549  STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  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						OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: December 31, 2001 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5	
Name and Address of Repor Wolf, Barth Joel	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  WPS Resources Corporation WPS		4. Statement for (Month/Year)  December 12, 2002		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First)  700 North Adams Street P. O. Box 19001  (Street)  Green Bay, WI 54307-9001  (City) (State)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		Director  10% Owner  X Officer Other  Officer/Other Description Legal Services  7. Individual or Joint/Group				
(City) (State) (Zip)						Filing (Check Applicable Line)  Individual Filing Joint/Group Filing			
,	Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)  3.		Amount   Amount   Price	ired (A) or (55)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	Dir or Inc		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock					944.401	17	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)					T	T	1	1	1	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Code and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	of		10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative 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) 4,119.0000	12/12/2003 (1)   12/12/2012	Common Stock - 4,119.0000	\$37.9600	4,119.0000	D	
Performance Rights	1-for-1	12/12/2002	A 	(A) 539.0000	Varies (2)	Common Stock - 539.0000	\$37.9600	1,131.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$34.0900				12/13/2002 (3)   12/13/2011	Common Stock - 4,030.0000		4,030.0000	D	
Phantom Stock Unit	1-for-1				Varies (4)	Common Stock - 1,557.7966		1,557.7966	D	

Explanation of Responses:

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Date as of

12-18-2002

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Barth J. Wolf (See POA filed August 2002) Barth Joel Wolf

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**FOOTNOTE Descriptions for WPS Resources Corporation WPS** 

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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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