**ENERGY EAST CORP** Form 4 March 28, 2003

# FORM 4

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

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Ad Benson, Richar			Name <b>and</b> Tie E <b>ast Corpora</b>		P	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) Energy East M: P.O. Box 3287	of Re	port	Identification ing Person, ty (voluntary)		Month	1/Day/Year h 27. 2003	Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
								<u>N</u>		Energy East Corporation, an ny of Energy East		
	(Street)						5. If A	mendment, 7	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing			
									(Check Applicable Line)			
Ithaca, NY 14852-3287							(Mont	P	erson	One Reporting  More than One		
(City)	) (State)	(Zip)		Ta	ble I Non-l	Deriva	tive Securi	ties Acquired, Dispos	ed of, or Benef	ficially Owned		
Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/ Day/	Execution Date,	3. Tran action Code (Instr. 8		4. Securities Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 &	(D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
	Year)	(Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock								6854.2834	(1) <b>D</b>			
Common Stock	3/27/03		I		5297.7200	A	18.08717	6609.2990	(2) I	By 401(k) Plan		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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#### FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially **Owned**

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative sion or Trans- Deemed Trans- Number and Expiration of Underlying Derivative Derivative Owner- of In	1. Title of	2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and Amount	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
	Derivative	sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	of Underlying	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect

<sup>\*</sup> If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	Date	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	action Code (Instr. 8)	Sec (A) Dis of (Ins 3, 4	rivati curitic quire ) or spose (D) str. 4 &	ti Date	Expira- tion	Securities (Instr. 3 &		Security (Instr. 5)	Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR(3)	17.9375						(4)	Date 2/5/08		Shares 20000.0000		20000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR <sup>(3)</sup>	26.7188						(5)	2/19/09	Common Stock	40000.0000		40000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR(3)	23.0625						(6)	2/11/10	Common Stock	40000.0000		40000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR(3)	18.5500						(7)	2/1/11	Common Stock	60000.0000		60000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR(3)	19.6200						(8)	2/8/12	Common Stock	60000.0000		60000.0000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) / SAR <sup>(3)</sup>	19.1000						(9)	2/12/13	Common Stock	20000.0000		20000.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes equity securities acquired with reinvested dividends which are exempt from reporting under Rule 16a-11.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes equity securities acquired with participant contributions, Company matching fund contributions, and reinvested dividends pursuant to the common stock fund of the Company's 401(k) Plan which are exempt from reporting.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Stock Appreciation Right (SAR) was issued in tandem with an Employee Stock Option (right to buy). The exercise of a SAR will result in the corresponding cancellation of the Employee Stock Option (right to buy) to the extent of the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock as to which SARs are exercised. The exercise of the Employee Stock Option (right to buy) will result in the corresponding cancellation of a SAR to the extent of the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock as to which the Employee Stock Option (right to buy) is exercised.

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- (4) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on January 1, 1999; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2000; and (c) on January 1, 2001 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.
- (5) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 19, 1999; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2000; and (c) on January 1, 2001 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.
- (6) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 11, 2000; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2001; and (c) on January 1, 2002 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.
- (7) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 1, 2001; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2002; and (c) on January 1, 2003 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.
- (8) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 8, 2002; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2003; and (c) on January 1, 2004 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.
- (9) The option is exercisable in three installments regarding the original number of options granted as follows: (a) in aggregate as to no more than 33 1/3% on February 12, 2003; (b) in aggregate as to no more than 66 2/3% on January 1, 2004; and (c) on January 1, 2005 as to 100% of all options which have not been previously exercised.

By: /s/ Richard R. Benson

3/28/03

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*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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