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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PIGOTT MARK C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Symbol

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

(Check all applicable)

[BEN]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES. INC., ONE FRANKLIN

PARKWAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
	Security			Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Deferred Director' Fees (FRI)		02/13/2018		A	77.24	04/20/2029(2)	01/20/2039(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.10
Deferred Director' Fees (FRI)		02/14/2018		A	3,642.3009	04/20/2029(2)	01/20/2039(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PIGOTT MARK C C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906



Signatures

/s/ Maria Gray, Attorney-in-Fact 02/15/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Not applicable.
- (2) Exercisable and expiration dates assume the director's separation from service from Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries occurs in the February following the director's 75th birthday. See footnote below.

Represents a hypothetical investment account calculation of deferred Franklin Resources, Inc.'s director's fees, under the 2006 Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, based upon the performance of Franklin Resources, Inc.'s stock (including reinvested dividends) payable in cash in substantially equal quarterly installments over ten years beginning on the earlier of the January 20, April 20, July 20 or October 20

(3) immediately following the director's separation from service from Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries and continuing on each January 20, April 20, July 20 and October 20 thereafter, except that if any such date is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the quarterly installment shall be paid on the next business day. Reporting Person may transfer the hypothetical investment account amount into an alternative investment account not based on the performance of Franklin Resources, Inc. stock effective as of the first day of any calendar quarter.

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