JOHNSON GREGORY E

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Issuer

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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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES. 12/06/2018 Chairman and CEO INC., ONE FRANKLIN **PARKWAY** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Ownership Following (Instr. 4) Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount Common \$0 Stock, par 12/06/2018 G 940 Α 2,144,950 D value \$.10 As A Common Trustee For Stock, par 12/06/2018 V 1,880 74,996 I Α Minor Child value \$.10 Common By Spouse Stock, par 12/06/2018 V 940 Α 19,625 (3) value \$.10

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| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 12/10/2018 | A | 18,116 (4) | A | <u>(1)</u> | 2,163,066 (5) | D | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | | | 5,635.6422 | I | By 401(k) (6) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | | | 2,565,000 | I | By Business Limited Partnership |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | | | 8,100 | I | By Business Trust (8) |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | | | 396,000 | I | By Venture Limited Partnership |
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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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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transac | ctionNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day | /Year) | Under | lying | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | Derivativ | ve . | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securitie | s | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | l | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Exercisable Date | Title Number | | | |
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| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationsnips | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| | Y | | | | | | |

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JOHNSON GREGORY E C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906 Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/ Maria Gray, Attorney-in-Fact

12/12/2018

**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) Shares held by Reporting Person as trustee for Reporting Person's minor children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (3) Shares held by Reporting Person's spouse. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
 - On November 3, 2015, the Reporting Person was granted certain restricted stock units subject to vesting over a three-year period based upon satisfaction of certain performance criteria. On December 10, 2018, the Issuer's Compensation Committee certified that certain
- performance criteria with respect to the Issuer's fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 were achieved, and therefore the amount of shares reported in Column 4 are scheduled to vest on December 20, 2018.
- Of the amount of securities beneficially owned, 171,726 shares represent unvested restricted stock awards (which excludes the unvested restricted stock unites scheduled to vest on December 20, 2018 as reported in Footnote 4).
- (6) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of October 12, 2018.
- (7) Business limited partnership under control of Reporting Person.
- (8) Business trust for the benefit of Reporting Person and Reporting Person's children.
- (9) Limited partnership under control of Reporting Person, and owned in part by irrevocable trusts for the benefit of Reporting Person's children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the children's trusts.

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