FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON CHARLES B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[BEN]

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

(Month/Day/Year)

11/29/2004

X Director X_ Officer (give title

X__ 10% Owner _ Other (specify

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES,

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

below)

Chairman of the Board

INC., ONE FRANKLIN

PARKWAY

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

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

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| Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed bi, or Deficiently Own | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----|-------|--|--|---|--|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | | G | 3,500 | D | \$ 0 | 37,316,552 | D | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | | G | 500 | D | \$ 0 | 37,316,052 | D | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | | G | 600 | D | \$ 0 | 37,315,452 | D | | |

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| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | G | 600 | D | \$ 0 | 37,314,852 | D | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---------|---|-------------|---------------|---|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | G | 500 | D | \$ 0 | 37,314,352 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | G | 17,000 | D | \$ 0 | 37,297,352 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | G | 17,000 | D | \$ 0 | 37,280,352 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 11/29/2004 | G | 35,000 | D | \$ 0 | 37,245,352 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 12/15/2004 | M | 23,000 | A | \$ 33.25 | 37,268,352 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 12/15/2004 | S | 23,000 | D | \$ 68.07 | 37,245,352 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 12/15/2004 | S | 100,000 | D | \$ 68.07 | 37,145,352 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | | | 3,563,675 | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | | | 7,016.95 (1) | I | By Profit Sharing Plan |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 | | | | | | 3,000,000 (2) | I | By Shares Held By Ltd Partnership |

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

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$\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|------------------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionDerivative | | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |

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| (| Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | isposed of r. 3, 4, | ed of | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------|---|---|-----|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| (| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy) | \$ 33.25 | 12/15/2004 | | M | | | 23,000 | 09/30/2003 | 12/31/2004 | Common Stock, par value \$.10 | 23,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Function | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| JOHNSON CHARLES B C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 944031906 | X | X | Chairman of the Board | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ JOHNSON, CHARLES B. 12/17/2004

**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) Shares represent a pro-rata number of shares equivalent to Mr. Johnson's percentage of ownership of the holdings of the Franklin Resources, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan as of September 30, 2004. Mr. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (2) Shares are owned indirectly by a limited partnership in which Mr. Johnson is a limited partner.

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