

WEC ENERGY GROUP, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Matthews Charles R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WEC ENERGY GROUP, INC.
 [WEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 231 WEST MICHIGAN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/25/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President & CEO - PGL/NSG

MILWAUKEE, WI 53203

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2016 | | M | | 6,296 (1) | A | \$ 34.875 13,656 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2016 | | S | | 6,296 (1) | D | \$ 58.0325 7,360 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 1,631.59 (2) | I | ERSP |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 34.875 | 02/25/2016 | | M | 6,296 (1) | 01/03/2015 01/03/2022 | Common Stock | 6,296 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Matthews Charles R 231 WEST MICHIGAN STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53203 | | | President & CEO - PGL/NSG | |

Signatures

/s/ Joshua M. Erickson, as
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 02/29/2016

**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) The transaction reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 27, 2015.
- (2) Includes shares acquired under WEC's Employee Retirement Savings Plan ("ERSP") in transactions exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c) and exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B). The number of shares in the ERSP attributable to any one participant varies with the price of the Common Stock. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of January 31, 2016.

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