#### FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JOHNSON GREGORY E Issuer Symbol FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC (Check all applicable) [BEN] (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, 11/15/2016 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) Ta	ble I - No	on-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	etion	4. Securiti nor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (	` ′	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)
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/15/2016		G '	V	256	D	(1)	2,162,863	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/15/2016		G '	V	3,246	D	(1)	2,159,617	D	
Common Stock, par	11/16/2016		G '	V	260	D	<u>(1)</u>	2,159,357	D	

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value \$.10									
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/21/2016	G	V	6,410	D	<u>(1)</u>	2,152,947	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	11/23/2016	G	V	385	D	<u>(1)</u>	2,152,562	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/16/2016	G	V	707	A	(1)	2,153,269	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	02/27/2017	S		25,000	D	\$ 43.1792 (2)	2,128,269	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/16/2016	G	V	1,414	A	<u>(1)</u>	69,122	I	As A Trustee For Minor Child (3)
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/16/2016	G	V	707	A	(1)	18,014	I	By Spouse
Common Stock, par value \$.10							4,945.6604	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock, par value \$.10							2,565,000	I	By Business Limited Partnership
Common Stock, par value \$.10							8,100	I	By Business Trust (7)
Common Stock, par value \$.10							396,000	I	By Venture Limited Partnership

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	ionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Ι
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	S
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	E
	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						F
	-				(A) or						F
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration	m: .1	or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				G 1 1	(4) (7)				of		
				Code V	(A) $(D)$				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
JOHNSON GREGORY E C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO. CA 94403-1906	X		Chairman and CEO					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Maria Gray,
Attorney-in-Fact
02/27/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Da

### **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.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$43.13 to \$43.26, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff on the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (3) Shares held by Reporting Person as trustee for Reporting Person's minor children. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares
- (4) Shares held by Reporting Person's spouse. Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

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- (5) Reporting Person holds shares in the Franklin Templeton 401(k) Retirement Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of December 1, 2016.
- (6) Business limited partnership under control of Reporting Person.
- (7) Business trust for the benefit of Reporting Person and Reporting Person's children.
- (8) 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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