

JOHNSON GREGORY E

Form 4

December 17, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON GREGORY E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC
[BEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES,
INC., ONE FRANKLIN
PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
President and Co-CEO

(Street)
SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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)
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/15/2004		S	11,981 D	\$ 68.07	471,651	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/15/2004		A	15,625 A	\$ 0	487,276 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock, par value \$.10					14,652 ⁽²⁾	I	As a Trustee for Minor Child

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Common Stock, par value \$.10	1,271.389 ⁽³⁾	I	By Profit Sharing Plan
Common Stock, par value \$.10	3,068 ⁽⁴⁾	I	By Spouse

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 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 Acquired (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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of 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 944031906	President and Co-CEO

Signatures

/s/ JOHNSON,
GREGORY E. 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) Of the amount of securities beneficially owned, 73,132 shares represent unvested awards of restricted stock shares.
- (2) Shares are held by Mr. Johnson as Trustee for Mr. Johnson's minor children. Mr. Johnson disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Shares are held by a member of Mr. Johnson's immediate family. Mr. Johnson disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares.

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