YANG GEOFFREY Y

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * YANG GEOFFREY Y

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

(Check all applicable)

[BEN]

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

02/13/2018

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES. INC., ONE FRANKLIN **PARKWAY**

(First)

(Street)

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

SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Middle)

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

1.Title of

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock, par

Security

(Instr. 3)

02/14/2018 value \$.10

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Date (Month/Day/Year	•	7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Deferred Director's Fees (FRI)	(1)	02/13/2018		A	77.24	04/20/2035(2)	04/20/2035(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.10	77.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

YANG GEOFFREY Y C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906



Signatures

/s/ Maria Gray, Attorney-in-Fact 02/15/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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) Exercisable and expiration dates assume the director's separation from service from Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries occurs in the February following the director's 75th birthday. See footnote below.

Represents a hypothetical investment account calculation of deferred Franklin Resources Inc.'s director's fees, under the 2006 Director Deferred Compensation Plan, based upon the performance of Franklin Resources Inc.'s stock (including reinvested dividends) payable in

(3) one payment following the director's separation from service from Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Reporting Person may transfer the hypothetical investment account amount into an alternative investment account(s) not based on the performance of Franklin Resources, Inc. stock effective as of the first day of any calendar quarter.

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