

JOHNSON GREGORY E  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/30/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO and President

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

(Street)

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

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

SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

(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. Code		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A)	(D)	V	Amount			
Common Stock, par value \$.10	10/30/2007		G	V	40	D	\$ 0 522,103	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/26/2007		G	V	88	D	\$ 0 522,015	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	03/31/2008		G	V	103	D	\$ 0 521,912	D	

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Common Stock, par value \$.10	03/31/2008		G	V	1,030	D	\$ 0	520,882	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	03/31/2008		G	V	206	D	\$ 0	520,676	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10								16,148 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	As a Trustee for Minor Child
Common Stock, par value \$.10								1,384.761 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock, par value \$.10								3,816 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Spouse
Common Stock, par value \$.10								142,780 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Trust

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 Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

JOHNSON GREGORY E  
C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.  
ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY  
SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

X

CEO and  
President

## Signatures

/s/ JOHNSON,  
GREGORY E.

04/21/2008

\_\_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 are held by the Reporting Person as trustee for the Reporting Person's minor children. The Reporting Person disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (2) Reporting person holds shares in Franklin Templeton Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan. Information is based on a plan statement as of March 17, 2008.
- (3) Shares are held by a member of the Reporting Person's immediate family. The Reporting Person disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (4) Reporting Person is a trustee of a trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person and the Reporting Person's children.

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