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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

(Month/Day/Year)

10/25/2017

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

STEIN LAURA

FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

(Check all applicable)

[BEN]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES. INC., ONE FRANKLIN

(First)

PARKWAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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	Inderlying Secu
Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Date Ur	Jinderry ing Deed
Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (In	Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or	
Derivative Disposed of (D)	
Security (Instr. 3, 4, and	
5)	
Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Tit	Title A
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	Sł
Deferred C	Common
$(1) \qquad 10/25/2017 \qquad \qquad A \qquad 55.9751 \qquad 04/20/205/27 011/20/204/27$	Stock, par 3
Fees 53.5751 01/20/2017	value
(FRI)	\$.10

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEIN LAURA C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 94403-1906



Signatures

/s/ Maria Gray, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) 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 Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, based upon the performance of Franklin Resources, Inc.'s stock (including reinvested dividends) payable in cash in substantially equal quarterly installments over ten years beginning on the earlier of the January 20, April 20, July 20 or October 20

(3) immediately following the director's separation from service from Franklin Resources, Inc. and its subsidiaries and continuing on each January 20, April 20, July 20 and October 20 thereafter, except that if any such date is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the quarterly installment shall be paid on the next business day. The reporting person may transfer the hypothetical investment account amount into an alternative investment account not based on the performance of Franklin Resources, Inc. stock effective as of the first day of any calendar quarter.

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