#### FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

Form 4

December 17, 2004

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (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 **BURNS HARMON 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. 12/15/2004 Vice Chariman 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 944031906 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Owned Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following Reported Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (A) (Instr. 3 and 4) (I) or (Instr. 4) (D) Price Code V Amount Common Stock, par 12/15/2004 S 50,000 D 1,081,994.1482 D value \$.10 Common Stock, par By 72,000 (1) I Foundation value \$.10 Common 500,001.5 I By IRA Stock, par

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value \$.10

Common Stock, par

value \$.10

5,396.709 (2)

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By Profit Sharing

Plan

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 Conversion or Exercise Security (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative

Security

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative

5.

(A) or

of (D)

Disposed

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

> Date Exercisable

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)

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Amount or Expiration Title Number

of Shares

**Reporting Owners** 

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

10% Owner Director

Officer

Code V (A) (D)

Other

Date

**BURNS HARMON E** 

C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY

SAN MATEO, CA 944031906

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**Signatures** 

/s/ BURNS, HARMON E.

12/17/2004

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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# **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) Mr. Burns disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, which are held by a private foundation of which Mr. Burns is a trustee.
- Shares represent a pro-rata number of shares equivalent to Mr. Burns' percentage of ownership of the holdings of the Franklin Resources, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan as of September 30, 2004. Mr. Burns disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

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