

KRATTER LESLIE M

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 *
KRATTER LESLIE M

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)
Sr. Vice President

(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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/15/2004		M	35,000 A \$ 38.38	90,872.9387	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10	12/15/2004		S	29,790 D \$ 68.5281	61,082.9387 (1)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.10					12,864 (2)	I	By Spouse

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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. 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.38	12/15/2004		M		35,000		09/28/2001	11/16/2010	Common Stock, par value \$.10	35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
KRATTER LESLIE M C/O FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. ONE FRANKLIN PARKWAY SAN MATEO, CA 944031906	Sr. Vice President

Signatures

/s/ KRATTER,
LESLIE M. 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, 9,001 shares represent unvested awards of restricted stock shares.
- (2) Shares are held by a member of Mr. Kratter's immediate family. Mr. Kratter disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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