FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address KNIGHT CHA | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EMERSON ELECTRIC CO [EMR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---|---------|------------|---|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| KNIGHT CHA | KLES F | | | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | X | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| EMERSON ELECTRIC CO 8000 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE | | (Made) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2004 | | Chairman of the B | oard | | | |
| (Street) ST LOUIS | МО | 63136-8506 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individ | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Chec Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One | 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) 2. 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) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---------------|------------|--|---|--|
| | | | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 09/17/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | | F | | 64,900(2) | D | \$62.84(3) | 1,358,544 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 9,406 | I | 401(k) plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 12,010 | I | 401(k) excess plan |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| | | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | Derivative | | Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|---|------------|-----|---|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | 1 1 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Reporting Person retired as Chairman of the Board and Director of Emerson Electric Co. on the date of the transaction.
- $2. \ Shares \ withheld \ for taxes \ upon \ vesting \ of \ previously-reported \ stock \ grant \ under \ shareholder-approved \ benefit \ plan \ pursuant \ to \ Rule \ 16b-3.$
- 3. Average of high and low NYSE prices on date of the vesting described in Note 1.

/s/ Harley M. Smith, Attorney-infact for Charles F. Knight

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

09/21/2004

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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