

KNIGHT CHARLES F  
Form 4  
December 16, 2002

**FORM 4**

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*       |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                                       |  | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                                                                                                                       |  |
| Knight, Charles F.                             |  | Emerson Electric Co. EMR                                                          |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                        |  | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)     |  | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| c/o Emerson Electric Co.<br>8000 W. Florissant |  |                                                                                   |  | December 16, 2002                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| (Street)                                       |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)                                    |  | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing<br>(Check Applicable Line)                                                                                                                                   |  |
| St. Louis, Missouri 63136                      |  |                                                                                   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                       | 12/12/02                                |                                                       | M                                 | 4,698 (1)                                                            | 42.5625                                                                                          | D                                                           |                                                          |
|                                    |                                         |                                                       |                                   |                                                                      | 8,799                                                                                            | I                                                           | 401(k) Plan                                              |
|                                    |                                         |                                                       |                                   |                                                                      | 11,092                                                                                           | I                                                           | 401(k) Excess Plan                                       |
|                                    |                                         |                                                       |                                   |                                                                      |                                                                                                  |                                                             |                                                          |
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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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security |
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|                                      | Derivative Security | Year)    | (Month/Day/Year) |      |   | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 |              |                            | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|------|---|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                                      |                     |          |                  | Code | V |                                                         | Date Exercisable         | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |                                                       |                                          |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 42.5625             | 12/12/02 |                  | M    |   | 4,698 (1)                                               | (2)                      | 3/6/2010        | Common Stock | 4,698                      | 95,302                                                | D                                        |
|                                      |                     |          |                  |      |   |                                                         |                          |                 |              |                            |                                                       |                                          |
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Exercise of option exempt under Rule 16b-3.  
(2) Option vests in 1/3 increments beginning October 6, 2001.

/s/ Harley M. Smith

12/16/02

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Harley M. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact  
for Charles F. Knight

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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