

BUDNEY ALBERT J JR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUDNEY ALBERT J JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**WEC ENERGY GROUP, INC.
 [WEC]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
231 WEST MICHIGAN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53203

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/02/2018		A		2,045	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	01/03/2018		D		2,214.4196	D	(1)
Common Stock						I	902
							By Spouse

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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 of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	01/03/2018		A		2,214.4196		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	2,214.4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUDNEY ALBERT J JR 231 WEST MICHIGAN STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53203		X		

Signatures

Joshua M. Erickson, as attorney in fact	01/04/2018
**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) Includes shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment in transactions exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
Upon the vesting of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on January 3, 2017, the reporting person deferred receipt of 2,214.4196 shares of common stock and instead received 2,214.4196 phantom stock units pursuant to the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan (DDCP). As a result, the reporting person is reporting the disposition of 2,214.4196 shares of common stock in exchange for an equal number of phantom stock units.
 - (2)
 - (3) One-for-one.
 - (4) These phantom stock units were accrued under the DDCP and are to be settled following the reporting person's termination of service as a director.

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