

EMERSON ELECTRIC CO  
Form 8-K  
October 06, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event  
reported): October 5, 2004

Emerson Electric Co.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Missouri

1-278

43-0259330

(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

8000 West Florissant Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

63136

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 553-2000

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

W. J. Galvin resigned from the Board of Directors class of 2005 of Emerson effective October 5, 2004. On the same date, immediately following the resignation, Mr. Galvin was elected by the Board as a Director in the class of 2007.

The reason is that under Missouri law, a Missouri corporation must keep the number of Directors in each class of Directors as nearly equal as possible. C. F. Knight's resignation from the Board on September 17, 2004 left the classes unbalanced. Mr. Galvin's resignation from the 2005 class and election to the 2007 class makes each of the three classes equal with five (5) directors each.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.**

Date: October 6, 2004

By: /s/ H.M. Smith

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H. M. Smith  
Assistant General Counsel and Assistant  
Secretary