BUDNEY ALBERT J JR

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BUDNEY ALBERT J JR** Issuer Symbol WEC ENERGY GROUP, INC. (Check all applicable) [WEC] X__ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 231 WEST MICHIGAN STREET 01/02/2018 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MILWAUKEE, WI 53203 Person

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acqu Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/02/2018		A	2,045	A	\$0	10,153.9362 (1)	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2018		D	2,214.4196	D	<u>(2)</u>	7,939.5166 (1)	D	
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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)	vative Conversion (Month/ arity or Exercise		tion Date 3A. Deemed ay/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (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		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2,214.4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUDNEY ALBERT J JR
231 WEST MICHIGAN STREET X

MILWAUKEE, WI 53203

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.
- (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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