

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(D)(1) OR 13(E)(1)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION
(Name Of Subject Company (Issuer) And Filing Person (Offeror))

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

963320106

(CUSIP Number of Common Stock)

Bridget K. Quinn

Assistant General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Whirlpool Corporation

2000 North M-63

Benton Harbor, Michigan

(269) 923-5000

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

With a copy to:

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*
\$1,000,000,000

Amount Of Filing Fee**
\$124,500

* The transaction value is estimated only for purposes of calculating the filing fee. This amount is based on the offer to purchase up to \$1 billion in value of shares of the common stock, \$1.00 par value per share.

** The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, equals \$124.50 per million dollars of the value of the transaction.

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issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

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Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third Party Tender Offer)

SCHEDULE TO

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to the offer by Whirlpool Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Whirlpool or the Company), to purchase, up to \$1 billion in value of shares of its common stock, \$1.00 par value per share (the Shares), at a price not greater than \$170.00 nor less than \$150.00 per Share, to the seller in cash, less any applicable withholding taxes and without interest. The Company s offer is being made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated April 26, 2018 (the Offer to Purchase) and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are attached to this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively (which together, as they may be amended or supplemented from time to time, constitute the Offer). This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are filed with this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a) (1)(ii), respectively, are incorporated by reference in answer to Items 1 through 11 in this Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO.

ITEM 1. SUMMARY TERM SHEET

The information set forth in the section captioned Summary Term Sheet of the Offer to Purchase, a copy of which is filed with this Schedule TO as Exhibit (a)(1)(i), is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 2. SUBJECT COMPANY INFORMATION

(a) **Name and Address:** The name of the subject company is Whirlpool Corporation, a Delaware corporation. The address of its principal executive office is 2000 North M-63, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-2692, and its telephone number is (269) 923-5000. The information set forth in Section 10 (Certain Information Concerning Us) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) **Securities:** The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase captioned Introduction is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) **Trading Market and Price:** The information set forth in the section captioned Introduction of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 8 (Price Range of Shares; Dividends) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 3. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND OF FILING PERSON

(a) **Name and Address:** The name of the filing person is Whirlpool Corporation, a Delaware corporation. The address of its principal executive office is 2000 North M-63, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-2692, and its telephone number is (269) 923-5000. The information set forth in Section 10 (Certain Information Concerning Us) and Section 11 (Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 4. TERMS OF THE TRANSACTION

(a) **Material Terms:** The information set forth in the sections of the Offer to Purchase captioned Introduction and Summary Term Sheet is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 1 (Number of Shares; Proration), Section 2 (Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer), Section 3 (Procedures for Tendering Shares), Section 4 (Withdrawal Rights), Section 5 (Purchase of Shares and Payment of Purchase Price), Section 6 (Conditional Tender of Shares), Section 7 (Conditions of the Offer), Section 9 (Source and Amount of Funds), Section 11 (Interests

of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares), Section 13 (Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences), Section 14 (Extension of the Offer; Termination; Amendment) and Section 16 (Miscellaneous) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) **Purchases:** The information set forth in the sections of the Offer to Purchase captioned Introduction and Summary Term Sheet is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 11 (Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5. PAST CONTACTS, TRANSACTIONS, NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

Agreements Involving the Subject Company's Securities: The information set forth in Section 11 (Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 6. PURPOSES OF THE TRANSACTION AND PLANS OR PROPOSALS

(a) **Purposes:** The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase captioned Summary Term Sheet is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 2 (Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) **Use of the Securities Acquired:** The information set forth in Section 2 (Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) **Plans:** The information set forth in Section 2 (Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

(a) **Source of Funds:** The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase captioned Summary Term Sheet is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 9 (Source and Amount of Funds) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) **Conditions:** The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase captioned Summary Term Sheet is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 9 (Source and Amount of Funds) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) **Borrowed Funds:** The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase captioned Summary Term Sheet is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 9 (Source and Amount of Funds) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE SUBJECT COMPANY

(a) **Securities Ownership:** The information set forth in Section 11 (Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) **Securities Transactions:** The information set forth in Section 11 (Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9. PERSONS/ASSETS, RETAINED, EMPLOYED, COMPENSATED OR USED

Solicitations or Recommendations: The information set forth in Section 15 (Fees and Expenses) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(a) and (b) Not applicable.

ITEM 11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(a) **Agreements, Regulatory Requirements and Legal Proceedings:** The information set forth in Section 11 (Interests of Directors and Executive Officers; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares) and Section 12 (Certain Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) **Other Material Information:** The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are filed with this Schedule TO as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively, are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

- (a)(1)(i) Offer to Purchase, dated April 26, 2018.
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- (d)(15) Form of Stock Option Grant Document for the Whirlpool Corporation Stock Option Program (pursuant to one or more of Whirlpool's Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plans)(Rev. 02/17/04) [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(i) to the Company's Form 8-K (Commission file number 1-3932) filed on January 25, 2005]
- (d)(16) Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (pursuant to one or more of Whirlpool's Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plans) [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K (Commission file number 1-3932) filed on June 21, 2010]
- (d)(17) Whirlpool Corporation 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(iii)(a) to the Company's Form 10-Q (Commission file number 1-3932) for the quarter ended March 31, 2011]

- (d)(18) Whirlpool Corporation 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan Strategic Excellence Program Performance Unit Award [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10(iii)(b) to the Company's Form 10-Q (Commission file number 1-3932) for the quarter ended March 31, 2011]

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- (d)(33) Transition Agreement, dated June 22, 2016, between Whirlpool Corporation and Larry M. Venturelli. [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K (Commission file number

1-3932) filed on June 24, 2016]

- (d)(34) Whirlpool Corporation 2018 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K (Commission file number 1-3932) filed on April 18, 2018]
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- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.

ITEM 13. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SCHEDULE 13E-3

Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Schedule TO is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 26, 2018

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By: /s/ Bridget K. Quinn

Name: Bridget K. Quinn

Title: Assistant General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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 - (d)(33) Transition Agreement, dated June 22, 2016, between Whirlpool Corporation and Larry M. Venturelli. [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K (Commission file number 1-3932) filed on June 24, 2016]
 - (d)(34) Whirlpool Corporation 2018 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K (Commission file number 1-3932) filed on April 18, 2018]
 - (d)(35) Whirlpool Corporation Amended and Restated 2010 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan Strategic Excellence Program Performance Restricted Stock Unit Award for Executive Chairman [Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q (Commission file number 1-3932) for the

quarter ended March 31, 2018]

- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.