

Witzeman Michael D
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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 *
 Witzeman Michael D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2600 CHEMED CENTER, 255
 EAST FIFTH STREET
 (Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CHEMED CORP [CHE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 vice president and controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| capital stock | 02/16/2018 | | M | 432 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 256.29 | A | 3,766 D |
| capital stock | 02/16/2018 | | M | 540 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 256.29 | A | 4,306 D |
| capital stock | 02/16/2018 | | F | 292 ⁽³⁾ | \$ 256.29 | D | 4,014 D |

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 (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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| performance stock units | (4) | 02/16/2018 | | M | 265 | (5) (5) | capital stock | 265 \$ |
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| performance stock units | (6) | 02/16/2018 | | A | 590 | (7) (7) | capital stock | 590 \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Witzeman Michael D 2600 CHEMED CENTER 255 EAST FIFTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | | | vice president and controller | |

Signatures

Michael D. Witzeman 02/20/2018

**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).
- The number of performance share units ("PSU's") that vested was based on the Company's achieving adjusted earnings per share growth rate for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. The actual performance of 11.79% yielded an award of 159.9% of target; including the reinvestment of dividends paid during such period, the award is 163.0% of target.
- (1) The number of PSU's that vested was based on the Company's achieving relative total shareholder returns for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, compared to a defined peer group of companies. The Company's performance ranked in the 90th percentile

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of that group, yielding an award of 200%; including the reinvestment of dividends paid during such period, the award is 203.9% of target.

- (3) Shares withheld to satisfy tax obligations in connection with vesting of PSU's.
- (4) Each PSU reflects the contingent right to receive a variable number of shares of capital stock based on achieving performance goals. PSU's were settled in shares on their scheduled vesting date as determined by the Compensation Committee.
- (5) PSU's awarded February 20, 2015 vest based on achievement of performance targets over a period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. The determination of the performance level was to be made by March 15, 2018.
- (6) Each performance stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Chemed Capital Stock
- (7) PSU's vest based on the extent to which the Company achieves certain performance targets over a period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020. The determination of the performance level is to be made by March 15, 2021 and earned shares delivered thereafter.

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