

EMERSON ELECTRIC CO
Form 8-K
December 15, 2017

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): December 11, 2017

Emerson Electric Co.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Missouri | 1-278 | 43-0259330 |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) |

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| 8000 West Florissant Avenue | 63136 |
| St. Louis, Missouri | |
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| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 553-2000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

“ Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ”

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 15, 2017, Randall Stephenson resigned from the Board of Directors of Emerson. Mr. Stephenson informed the Company that the coming year will be an extremely busy one for him as Chairman and CEO of AT&T Inc., as AT&T works to litigate, close and integrate its acquisition of Time Warner Inc. Because of this and the time required to effectively serve on the Emerson Board, Mr. Stephenson felt it was best to make room for someone with sufficient time to devote to the position. Mr. Stephenson's resignation is not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices.

Emerson's management team and the Board of Directors would like to extend their thanks to Mr. Stephenson for his 11 years of loyal service to the Board, including his most recent role as Lead Independent Director. His counsel, leadership, innovative thinking and commitment to creating long-term value for shareholders, customers and employees has been key in helping reposition the Company to increase our relevance in the industries we serve and grow sales, earnings, and cash flow well into the future.

Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

Statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K that are not strictly historical may be "forward-looking" statements, which involve risks and uncertainties, and Emerson undertakes no obligation to update any such statements to reflect later developments. These risks and uncertainties include economic and currency conditions, market demand, pricing, protection of intellectual property, and competitive and technological factors, among others, as set forth in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports filed with the SEC.

SIGNATURE

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.
(Registrant)

Date: December 15, 2017 By: /s/ John G. Shively
John G. Shively
Vice President and
Assistant Secretary