KELLEY BRUCE G

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KELLEY BRUCE G			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC [EMCI]				5. Relati Issuer	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (I		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2017				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO				
DES MOINES, L	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicabl _X_ Forn	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (S	State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	on-Derivat	tive Secur	ities A	cquired, Di	sposed of, or Be	neficially Ow	vned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transacti (Month/Day	y/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	OF Disposition (Instr. 3,	sed of	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
EMCI-Common Stock	12/08/201	17		M	7,150	A	Price \$ 13.7833	271,153	D		
EMCI-Common Stock	12/08/201	17		F	5,337	D	\$ 29.2816 (1)	265,816	D		
EMCI-Common Stock								2,250	I	Spouse	

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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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
NQO Right To Buy	\$ 13.7833	12/08/2017		M	7,150	03/01/2011(2)	03/01/2020	Common Stock	7,150

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
KELLEY BRUCE G 14 GLENVIEW DRIVE	X		President & CEO				
DES MOINES, IA 50312							

Signatures

Bruce G. Kelley 12/12/2017

**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) All shares sold at an Average price. Price range: \$29.00 \$29.61
- (2) Options vest in five equal annual installments (20%)beginning one year after date of grant.

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