FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MADISON DON R                          |  |  |  |       |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol POWELL INDUSTRIES INC [ POWL ] |   |        |   |             |                    |   |  |       |                         | all app<br>Direc | onship of Reporting lall applicable) Director  |   | 10% Owner                                    |  |
|--|--|--|--|-------|---|---|---|--------|---|-------------|--------------------|---|--|-------|-------------------------|------------------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last)<br>8550 MC  | ast) (First) (Middle)<br>550 MOSLEY ROAD   |  |  |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2018 |   |   |        |   |             |                    |   |  |       | X                       | belov            | ,  | Presid  | Other (spec<br>below)<br>President, CFO      |  |
| (Street) HOUSTON TX 77075  (City) (State) (Zip)                                  |  |  |  |       | 4. If   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                          |   |        |   |             |                    |   |  |       | i. Indiv<br>ine)<br>X   | Forn             | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>m filed by One Reporting Person<br>m filed by More than One Reporting<br>son  |   |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |  |  |       |   |   |   |        |   |             |                    |   |  |       |                         |                  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)                    |  |  |  |       |   | r) E  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>f any<br>Month/Day/Year)                       |        | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |             |                    |   |  |       | 4 and Sec<br>Ben<br>Owr |                  | ount of<br>ities<br>icially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |
|  |  |  |  |       |   | Code  | v   | Amount |   | A) or<br>D) | Price              | •   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |       |                         |                  | (111501.4)   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock 12/19/  |  |  |  |       |   | 12/19/2018  |   | A      |   | 5,000       |                    | A   | \$25   | 25.32 |                         | 85,821(1)        |  | )   |  |  |
| Common Stock   |  |  |  |       |   |   |   |        |   |             |                    |   |  |       | 975                     |                  | I  |   | 401(k)<br>Shares                             |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |       |   |   |   |        |   |             |                    |   |  |       |                         |                  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (I<br>8)                               |   | n. Of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        | 6. Date E<br>Expiratio<br>(Month/D      | n Date      | e<br>ar)           | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |  | ount  |                         |                  | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>((Instr. 4) | Owr<br>Forr<br>Dire<br>or Ir<br>(I) (I                            | ership<br>n:<br>ct (D)<br>direct<br>nstr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |  |  |  |       | Code  | v   | (A)   |        | Date<br>Exercisa                        |             | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | or<br>Nui<br>of                                |       |                         |                  |  |   |  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes shares that have a time-based vesting provision.

# Remarks:

Don R. Madison

12/20/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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