**FORM 4**

☐ Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

☐ Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Seidman Christine E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Merck & Co., Inc. [ MRK ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

9/29/2023

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

__ Director

___ 10% Owner

___ Officer (give title below)

_____ Other (specify below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Securities Acquired or Disposed</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</th>
<th>Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>9/29/2023</td>
<td></td>
<td>100 D</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired or Disposed (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
<th>Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 6)</th>
<th>Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Phantom Stock</td>
<td>1-for-1</td>
<td>9/29/2023</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>78.9218</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>Common Stock 78.9218 $102.95</td>
<td>12,612.6101</td>
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<td>D</td>
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) 1-for-1

(2) Phantom stock units are to be settled 100% in cash upon reporting person's termination of service in accordance with a distribution schedule elected pursuant to the terms of the Plan for Deferred Payment of Directors’ Compensation.

(3) Holdings include shares acquired in dividend reinvestment transactions.

Reporting Owners

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<tr>
<th>Reporting Owner Name / Address</th>
<th>Relationships</th>
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<tr>
<td>Seidman Christine E</td>
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Signatures

/s/ Kelly E. W. Grez as Attorney-in-Fact for Christine E. Seidman 10/3/2023

**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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