

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
WITT HOWARD B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC [FELE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 415 E. NORTH WATER STREET
 #3105
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

CHICAGO, IL 60611

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | | M | | | 1,500 | \$ 15.985 | 1,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | | M | | | 3,500 | \$ 17 | 5,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2006 | | S | | | 5,000 | \$ 58.244 | 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | | M | | | 10,500 | \$ 15.985 | 10,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2006 | | S | | | 10,500 | \$ 59 | 0 | D | |

Common Stock 16,056 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option | \$ 15.985 | 05/03/2006 | | M | 1,500 | <u>(1)</u> 04/16/2009 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Option | \$ 15.985 | 05/04/2006 | | M | 10,500 | <u>(1)</u> 04/16/2009 | Common Stock | 10,500 |
| Option | \$ 17 | 05/03/2006 | | M | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> 04/20/2011 | Common Stock | 3,500 |
| Option | \$ 24.9755 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> 04/19/2012 | Common Stock | 20,000 |
| Option | \$ 25.225 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> 04/25/2013 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| Option | \$ 32.51 | | | | | <u>(1)</u> 05/05/2014 | Common Stock | 8,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WITT HOWARD B
415 E. NORTH WATER STREET #3105 X
CHICAGO, IL 60611

Signatures

Michael K. Butchko, Power of Attorney for Howard B.
Witt

05/05/2006

__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) The options become exercisable in three equal installments of 1/3 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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