

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**WARD GARY**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/05/2009**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Vice President**

**FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC., 400 E SPRING STREET**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**BLUFFTON, IN 46714**

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,450 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,864.85  | I  | ESOP <sup>(2)</sup>               |
| common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 361.16  | I  | 401 (K) <sup>(3)</sup>            |
| common stock                    | 03/05/2009                           |  | A                              | 4,690 A <sup>(4)</sup>  | 10,690  | 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                                     | \$ 19.6375   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u> 12/13/2011                                    | common stock  | 12,000                        |
| option                                     | \$ 24.075  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u> 12/13/2012                                    | common stock  | 10,000                        |
| option                                     | \$ 29.95   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u> 02/12/2014                                    | common stock  | 5,800                         |
| option                                     | \$ 40.93   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u> 02/10/2015                                    | common stock  | 5,450                         |
| option                                     | \$ 45.9  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u> 02/17/2016                                    | common stock  | 2,600                         |
| option                                     | \$ 48.87   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u> 02/09/2017                                    | common stock  | 2,300                         |
| option                                     | \$ 32.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u> 02/28/2018                                    | common stock  | 8,900                         |
| option                                     | \$ 17.34   | 03/05/2000                           |  | A                              | 14,094  | <u>(6)</u> 03/05/2019                                    | common stock  | 14,094                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| WARD GARY<br>FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.<br>400 E SPRING STREET<br>BLUFFTON, IN 46714 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Gary D. Ward

03/09/2009

\*\*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 shares vest at the end of four years subject to the performance of certain goals. If these goals are not attained, the shares will be forfeited.
  - (2) Allocation of shares under the Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust. The information reported herein was provided by the trustee for holdings as of December 31, 2008.
  - (3) Holdings within the Franklin Electric Directed Investment Salary Plan Trust. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement reporting December 31, 2008 holdings under the Franklin Electric Directed Investment Salary Plan.
  - (4) Pursuant to the Long Term Strategic Incentive Bonus Program, Mr. Ward was awarded 4,690 stock awards which immediately vested.
  - (5) The options become exercisable in five equal installments of 1/5 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
  - (6) The options become exercisable in four equal installments of 1/4 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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