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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement FreightCar America, Inc. [RAIL] McCarthy Thomas P (Month/Day/Year) 05/13/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE (Check all applicable) PLAZA SUITE 1250 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting SVP, Human Resources Person CHICAGO, ILÂ 60606 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Common Stock 1,069 Common Stock $2,333 \frac{(1)}{2}$ D 1.073 (2) Â Common Stock D $650 \frac{(3)}{2}$ Â Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable		3. Title and A Securities Un- Derivative Se (Instr. 4)	derlying	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	01/13/2018	Common Stock	10,540	\$ 30.47	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
McCarthy Thomas P TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 1250 CHICAGO, IL 60606	Â	Â	SVP, Human Resources	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Laurence M. Trusdell, as attorney in fact 05/21/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Exempt issuance of restricted shares under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan. These shares were granted (1) on June 4, 2007 and will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on June 4, 2009. The restricted shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture).
- Exempt issuance of restricted shares under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan. These shares were granted on January 13, 2008 and will vest in two equal annual installments beginning on January 13, 2010. The restricted shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture).
- Exempt issuance of restricted shares under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the Issuers 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan. These shares were granted on May 12, 2009 and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on May 12, 2010. The restricted shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture).
- (4) 3,514 stock options are fully vested and currently excercisable, 3,513 stock options will vest on January 13, 2010 and 3,513 stock options will vest on January 13, 2011.

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