

WITT HOWARD B  
Form 4  
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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  
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/28/2009

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

93A BATEMAN ROAD

(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

BARRINGTON HILLS, IL 60010

(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)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,500  | I <sup>(1)</sup>   | GRAT                              |
| common stock                    | 04/28/2009                           |  | A                              | 3,618   | A \$ 22.11  | 9,012  | 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable                           | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| option                                     | \$ 24.9755   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  |   | 04/19/2012                                 |                 | common stock | 20,000                     |
| option                                     | \$ 25.225  |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  |   | 04/25/2013                                 |                 | common stock | 8,000                      |
| option                                     | \$ 32.51   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  |   | 05/05/2014                                 |                 | common stock | 8,000                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WITT HOWARD B<br>93A BATEMAN ROAD<br>BARRINGTON HILLS, IL 60010 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

Angela M. Hughes, power of attorney for Howard B. Witt 04/29/2009

\_\_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) These shares are held by the reporting person's Grantor Retained Annuity Trust.

(2) 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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