

WITT HOWARD B

Form 4

May 25, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2006

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

(Street)
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
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/23/2006		G	V	56	D	\$ 0 16,000

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)

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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 Deriva Securit (Instr. 3)
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)		
Option	\$ 24.9755					(1)	04/19/2012	Common Stock	20,000
Option	\$ 25.225					(1)	04/25/2013	Common Stock	8,000
Option	\$ 32.51					(1)	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 CHICAGO, IL 60611	X

Signatures

Michael K. Butchko, Power of Attorney for Howard B.
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05/25/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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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