

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 \*  
Wathen David M

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)  
05/06/2016

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

5155 INKSTER 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

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302

(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                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |       |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code                                                              | V                                                                                             | Amount                                                   | (D)                               | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)     | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | Code | V | (A)      | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| stock<br>units | <u>(1)</u>                         | 05/06/2016       |            |                                                               | A    |   | 5,443.23 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | common<br>stock | 5,443.23                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wathen David M<br>5155 INKSTER ROAD<br>BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Angela M. Hughes, power of attorney for David M.  
Wathen

05/10/2016

    \*\*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) Pursuant to terms of the Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan approved by the Board of Directors on February 11, 2000 and amended and restated on April 28, 2006, Mr. Wathen elected to receive his 2016 Board of Directors retainer, stock award, and committee member fees in Franklin Electric Co., Inc. common stock, issuance of such shares deferred until he retires or otherwise leaves the Board of Directors (e.g. Stock Units). On May 6, 2016, Mr. Wathen was credited with 1,866.25 Stock Units for the annual retainer, 3,265.94 Stock Units for the annual stock award, and 311.04 Stock Units for committee member fees. At distribution, Mr. Wathen may elect pursuant to the terms of the Plan to receive his deferred compensation either in shares of Franklin common stock or in cash.

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