

Whalen Edward J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Whalen Edward J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE
PLAZA, SUITE 1250

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FreightCar America, Inc. [RAIL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/13/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, Marketing and Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2008 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,180 | A | |
| | | | | | \$ 0 | | |
| | | | | | (2) | | |
| | | | | | 9,180 | | 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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 30.47 | 01/13/2008 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 13,840 | ⁽⁴⁾ 01/13/2018 | Common Stock | 13,840 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19 | | | | | 04/11/2008 ⁽⁶⁾ 04/11/2015 | Common Stock | 32,900 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Whalen Edward J TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 1250 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | | | Sr. VP, Marketing and Sales | |

Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Bagby, as attorney-in-fact 01/13/2008

**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) Exempt issuance of restricted shares under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan. The restricted shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture).
- (2) The restricted shares were granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan, for which no consideration was paid by recipient.
- (3) Exempt issuance of options under Rule 16b-3 pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (4) The options vest in three equal installments beginning on January 13, 2009.
- (5) The options were granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan, for which no consideration was paid by recipient.
- (6) On April 11, 2005, the recipient was granted 98,942 options, which vest in three equal installments beginning on April 11, 2006.

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