

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC
 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 *
ROBERTS DAVID A

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)
 88 11TH AVENUE NE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/19/2005

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 04/19/2005 | | P | | 200 | \$ 37.05 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Option | \$ 32.51 <u>(1)</u> | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 05/05/2014 | Common Stock | 8,000 <u>(1)</u> |
| Stock Units | <u>(3)</u> | | | | | <u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock | 1,076 <u>(1)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROBERTS DAVID A 88 11TH AVENUE NE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413 | | X | | |

Signatures

Gregg C. Sengstack, Power of Attorney for David A. Roberts
04/25/2005

__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) Information about securities and derivative securities share amounts and prices presented in the attached Form 4 reflect the impact of a two-for-one stock split. The stock split was effected in the form of a 100% stock distribution of one additional share of Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Common Stock for each share of Common Stock held of record on May 28, 2004. The additional shares were distributed on June 15, 2004.

(2) The options become exercisable in three equal installments of 1/3 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(3) Pursuant to terms of the Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan approved by the board of directors on February 11, 2000, Mr. Roberts elected to receive his 2004 board of directors retainer 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). At distribution, Mr. Roberts may elect pursuant to the terms of the Plan to receive his deferred compensation either in share of Franklin common stock or in cash.

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