

VERHAGE THOMAS R
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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 *
VERHAGE THOMAS R

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)
P O BOX 1299

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2012

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554401299

(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) | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative Security |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 5) | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--|------|------------|
| | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
| stock units | <u>(1)</u> | 02/23/2012 | <u>(1)</u> | P | 5.09 | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | common stock | 5.09 | <u>(1)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VERHAGE THOMAS R P O BOX 1299 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 554401299 | | | X | |

Signatures

Angela M. Hughes, power of attorney for Thomas R.
VerHage

03/05/2012

**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).

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 7, 2006, Mr. Brown elected to receive his 2011 and 2012 stock award 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 February 23, 2012, Mr. Brown was credited with 5.09 Stock Units for dividends that would have been paid on such deferred shares. At distribution, Mr. Brown 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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