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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 \*  
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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)  
1524 SYCAMORE HILLS DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

FORT WAYNE, IN 46814

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)
common stock				(A) or (D)	58.8	I	401K <sup>(1)</sup>

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. P Der Sec (Ins		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
option	\$ 17.34	03/13/2012		M	3,500	<u>(2)</u> 03/05/2019	common stock	3,500	\$	
option	\$ 43.43	03/13/2012		M	1,663	<u>(3)</u> 03/02/2021	common stock	1,663	\$	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
davis delancey w 1524 SYCAMORE HILLS DRIVE FORT WAYNE, IN 46814			Vice President	

## Signatures

Delancey W. Davis  
03/15/2012  
 \*\*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).
  - (1) Holdings within the Franklin Electric Retirement Plan. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement as of January 1, 2012.
  - (2) The options become exercisable in four equal installments of 1/4 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the 3/5/2009 grant date.
  - (3) The options become exercisable in four equal installments of 1/4 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the 3/2/2011 grant date.
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