

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC

Form 4

February 18, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VERHAGE THOMAS R

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)  
P O BOX 1299  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/13/2014

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440-1299

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             |                                                                      | Price                                                             |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities | 8. Price<br>of Derivative<br>Security |
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| (Instr. 3)     | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |     | (Instr. 5)          |                    |                 |                                        |        |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--------|
|                |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                   | (A)              | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |        |
| stock<br>units | (1)                                | 02/13/2014       | A          |                                                                     | 37.77            |     | (1)                 | (1)                | common<br>stock | 37.77                                  | \$ 39. |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VERHAGE THOMAS R<br>P O BOX 1299<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440-1299 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

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

02/18/2014

\_\_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. VerHage elected to receive his 2011-2014 stock award, meeting fees and 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). On February 13, 2014, Mr. VerHage was credited with 37.77 Stock Units for meeting attendance. At distribution, Mr. VerHage 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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