

STONE ROBERT J  
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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 \*  
STONE ROBERT J

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/25/2017

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

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO.,  
INC., 9255 COVERDALE ROAD

(Street)

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

FORT WAYNE, IN 46809

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				Price
common stock	07/25/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		10,600	A	\$ 16.095	39,392	D	
common stock	07/25/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		10,600	D	\$ 45	28,792	D	
common stock	07/25/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		15,860	A	\$ 8.67	44,652	D	
common stock	07/25/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		15,860	D	\$ 45	28,792	D	
common stock	07/25/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		12,800	A	\$ 14.41	41,592	D	

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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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
option	\$ 16.095	07/25/2017		M	10,600 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u> 02/28/2018	common stock	10,600
option	\$ 8.67	07/25/2017		M	15,860 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u> 03/05/2019	common stock	15,860
option	\$ 14.41	07/25/2017		M	12,800 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(3)</u> 02/22/2020	common stock	12,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STONE ROBERT J FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC. 9255 COVERDALE ROAD FORT WAYNE, IN 46809			Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

Robert J. Stone 07/27/2017  
 \*\*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) This exercise of stock options and corresponding sale of shares was pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan entered into by the reporting person.  
Includes 3,412 restricted stock units that vest 4 years after the 2/23/2017 grant date, 4,797 restricted stock units that vest on 2/25/2019,
- (2) 3,681 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 2/26/2015 grant date, 3,030 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 3/4/2014 grant date, and 13,872 shares held outright.
- (3) The options become exercisable in four equal installments of 1/4 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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