### FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC

Form 4

December 19, 2006

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Wathen David M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC

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(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle)

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

12/15/2006

5155 INKSTER ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302** 

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

2,249

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber 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)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units	(2)	11/16/2006	A	7	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	7	(2)
Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2006	A	59	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	59	<u>(1)</u>

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wathen David M 5155 INKSTER ROAD X BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302

# **Signatures**

Michael K. Butchko, Power of Attorney for David M, Wathen

\*\*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. 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 28, 2006, Mr. Wathen elected to receive his 2005 board of directors retainer and 2006 retainer,

12/19/2006

(1) meeting fees and 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 December 15, 2006, Mr. Wathen was credited with 59 Stock Units for payment of a board meeting fee. At distribution, Mr. Wathen may elect pursuant to the terms of the Plan to receive his deferred compensation either in shares of Franklin common stock or in cash.

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 28, 2006, Mr. Wathen elected to receive his 2005 board of directors retainer and 2006 retainer,

(2) meeting fees and 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 November 16, 2006, Mr. Wathen was credited with 7 Stock Units for dividends that would have been paid on such deferred shares. At distribution, Mr. Wathen 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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