

FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
THOMPSON LARRY D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 EAST BROWARD  
BLVD., SUITE 2100

(Street)

FORT  
LAUDERDALE, FL 33394-3091

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event  
Requiring Statement  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/17/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST [FUT]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Shares of Beneficial Interest	0	D	^

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

Shares (I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON LARRY D 500 EAST BROWARD BLVD. SUITE 2100 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33394-3091	Â	Â	Â	Trustee

## Signatures

/s/LORI A. WEBER, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT	04/27/2007
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\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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