

Aikman Steven William  
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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 \*  
 Aikman Steven William

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC  
 [FELE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
X Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Global Water Systems Engin

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO.,  
 INC., 9255 COVERDALE ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/14/2018

FORT WAYNE, IN 46809

4. 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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| common stock                    | 09/14/2018                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 1,500  | 16,515   | D   |
| common stock                    | 09/14/2018                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 1,500  | 15,015 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 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 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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| option                                     | \$ 24.095  | 09/14/2018                           |  | M                              | 1,500   | <sup>(2)</sup> 05/04/2022                                | common stock  | 1,500 \$ 2                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Aikman Steven William<br>FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.<br>9255 COVERDALE ROAD<br>FORT WAYNE, IN 46809 |               |           | VP, Global Water Systems Engin |       |

## Signatures

Steven W. Aikman 09/17/2018

\*\*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) Includes 1,863 restricted stock units that vest 4 years after the 2/22/2018 grant date, 1,528 restricted stock units that vest 4 years after the 2/23/2017 grantdate, 2,146 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 2/25/2016 grant date, 1,636 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 2/26/2015 grant date, and 7,842 shares owned outright

(2) 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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