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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC

(Check all applicable)

[FELE]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

(Month/Day/Year)

5155 INKSTER ROAD 11/16/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

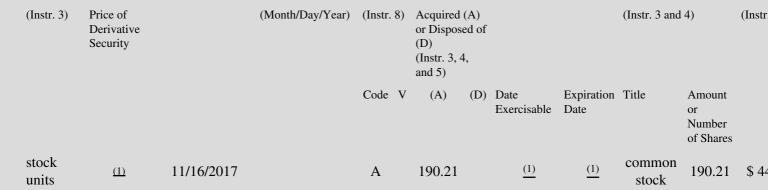
4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

8. Pri Deriv Secur

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Signatures

Jonathan M. Grandon, power of attorney for David M.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Wathen 11/20/2017

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 28, 2006, Mr. Wathen elected to receive his 2005-2016 Board of Directors retainer, stock award, and meeting fees in Franklin Electric Co., Inc. common stock, and in 2017, his retainer, stock award, meetings fees, and lead independent

Date

(1) director fees 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, 2017, Mr. Wathen was credited with 190.21 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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