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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NEVINS KIRK M			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) FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC, 400 EAST SPRING ST		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2004	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) Vice President
	(Street)		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
BLUFFTON, IN 46714				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or		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)	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		I	209	A	\$ 40.72	4,797 <u>(1)</u>	I	401 (k) (2)
Common Stock							3,463 <u>(1)</u>	I	ESOP (3)
Common Stock							3,400 (1)	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr. :
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option	\$ 16.125					<u>(4)</u>	07/28/2010	Common Stock	16,000 (1)	
Option	\$ 19.6375					<u>(4)</u>	12/13/2011	Common Stock	18,000 (1)	
Option	\$ 29.95					<u>(4)</u>	02/12/2014	Common Stock	7,200 (1)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Kelatio	hiships	
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NEVINS KIRK M FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC 400 EAST SPRING ST BLUFFTON, IN 46714

Vice President

Signatures

Kirk M. Nevins 12/22/2004

**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).

Information about securities and derivative securities share amounts and prices presented in the attached Form 4 reflect the impact of a two-for-one stock split. The stock split was effected in the form of a 100% stock distribution of one additional share of Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Common Stock for each share of Common Stock held of record on May 28, 2004. The additional shares were distributed on June 15, 2004.

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Reporting Owners 2

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Holdings within the Franklin Electric Directed Investment Salary Plan ("401k Plan") Trust. The information reported herein is based on a plan statement reporting December 21, 2004 holdings under the 401k Plan.

- (3) Allocation of shares under the Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") Trust. The information reported herein was provided by the trustee for holdings as of November 30, 2004.
- (4) The options become exercisable in five equal installments of 1/5 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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