

FARRELL GRETCHEN A
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FORM 4

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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 *
 FARRELL GRETCHEN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC [LECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/17/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP., H. R. & Compliance

CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares	05/17/2013		M	7,140 A \$ 30.255	24,311	D	
Common Shares	05/17/2013		S	7,140 D 11	17,171	D	
Common Shares					8,013.22 (2)	I	by 401(k)
Common Shares					7,007.242	I	SPP
Common Shares					21.768	I	by son

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.255	05/17/2013		M	7,140	11/29/2009 11/29/2016	Common Shares	7,140

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARRELL GRETCHEN A 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199			Sr. VP., H. R. & Compliance	

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for Gretchen A. Farrell 05/20/2013

**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) 200 at \$58.64; 1,000 at \$58.65; 500 at \$58.66; 683 at \$58.67; 188 at \$58.68; 700 at \$58.69; 300 at \$58.70; 200 at \$58.71; 100 at \$58.72; 12 at \$58.74; 300 at \$58.75; 997 at \$58.76; 600 at \$58.77; 420 at \$58.79; 200 at \$58.80; 200 at \$58.81; 240 at \$58.82; 200 at \$58.83; and 100 at \$58.84.
 - (2) Held by trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k)plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 6,681.089 shares.

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