

Whalen Edward J
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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 *
 Whalen Edward J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE
 PLAZA, SUITE 1250
 (Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FreightCar America, Inc. [RAIL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/08/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP, Marketing and Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | | M | | 32,981 | A | \$ 19 |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2006 | | S | | 32,981 | D | \$ 74.009 |
| | | | | | 0 | | |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19 | 05/08/2006 | | M | 32,981 | 04/11/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 04/11/2015 | Common Stock | 32,9 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19 | | | | | ⁽³⁾ 04/11/2015 | Common Stock | 65,9 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Whalen Edward J TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 1250 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | | | Sr. VP, Marketing and Sales | |

Signatures

/s/ Kevin P. Bagby, as attorney-in-fact 05/10/2006

**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) On April 11, 2005, the recipient was granted 98,942 options, which vest in three equal annual installments beginning on April 11, 2006.
- (2) Options granted pursuant to 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan, for which no consideration was paid by recipient.
- (3) April 11, 2007 and April 11, 2008. See Footnote #1.

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