

Matthews Nicholas J.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Matthews Nicholas J.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/12/2009

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

Senior VP Operations

(Street)
CHICAGO, IL 60606

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2009		A ⁽¹⁾	722 A	\$ 0 (2) 14,092	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)

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Table with 10 columns: 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6, 7, and 8).

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Reporting Owner: Matthews Nicholas J., TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 1250, CHICAGO, IL 60606. Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other, Senior VP Operations.

Signatures

/s/ Laurence M. Trusdell, as attorney in fact 05/14/2009
**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).
Exempt issuance of restricted shares under Rule 16(b)-3 pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan. These shares were
(1) granted on May 12, 2009 and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on May 12, 2010. The restricted shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture).
(2) The restricted shares were granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan, for which no consideration was paid by the recipient.

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