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 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Barrow Kenneth S                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC [BHE]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 02/17/2009   |  |
| 3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE                     |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| ANGLETON,Â TXÂ 77515                      |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | General Counsel  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 8,500   | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

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|                             |       |            |              | Shares |          | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | Â (1) | 05/09/2016 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$ 28.1  | D                 | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | Â (2) | 11/15/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000  | \$ 26.84 | D                 | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | Â (3) | 12/05/2017 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 17.22 | D                 | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to buy) | Â (4) | 12/10/2018 | Common Stock | 25,000 | \$ 12.64 | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Barrow Kenneth S<br>3000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE<br>ANGLETON, TX 77515 | Â             | Â         | Â General Counsel | Â     |

## Signatures

Kenneth S.  
Barrow

02/26/2009

Signature of Reporting Person      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options are exercisable as to (i) 3,000 on May 9, 2008, (ii) 4,500 on May 9, 2009 and (ii) 7,500 on May 9, 2010.
- (2) The options are exercisable as to (i) 1,000 on November 15, 2008, (ii) 1,500 on November 15, 2009 and (ii) 2,500 on November 15, 2010.
- (3) The options are exercisable as to (i) 2,000 on December 5, 2009, (ii) 3,000 on December 5, 2010 and (ii) 5,000 on December 5, 2011.
- (4) The options are exercisable as to (i) 5,000 on December 10, 2010, (ii) 7,500 on December 10, 2011 and (iii) 12,500 on December 10, 2012.

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