

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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obligations may continue. See
Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a
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securities of the issuer that is intended
to satisfy the affirmative defense
conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See
Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BEKKE NATHAN E.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED</u> <u>4600 E. 53RD STREET</u> (Street) <u>DAVENPORT IA 52807</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LEE ENTERPRISES, Inc [LEE]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/06/2026</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of 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) <u>President & CEO</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	08/06/2026 ⁽¹⁾		A		107,759	A	\$0	143,696	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.36	03/11/2025 ⁽¹⁾		A		5,946		(2)	12/15/2034	Common Stock	5,946	\$0	5,946	D	
Performance Rights	(3)	03/11/2025 ⁽¹⁾		A		7,273		(3)	09/26/2027	Common Stock	7,273	\$0	7,273	D	
Performance Rights	(3)	08/06/2026 ⁽¹⁾		A		107,759		(3)	09/30/2029	Common Stock	107,759	\$0	107,759	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The grant of restricted stock awards, stock options, and performance shares were approved by the executive compensation committee of LEE's board of directors on December 16, 2024, subject to shareholder approval of the First Amendment to the 2020 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("Amendment") under which the awards were granted and the subsequent filing of LEE's Registration Statement on Form S-8 registering the additional shares authorized under the Amendment. LEE's shareholders approved the Amendment on February 27, 2025, and the Form S-8 was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 11, 2025.
2. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on December 16, 2025.
3. Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive one share of LEE common stock. The performance rights vest on the expiration date and upon the satisfaction of certain performance criteria of LEE's common stock.

/s/Timothy B. Gulbranson, 08/10/2026
Limited POA, Attorney-in-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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