HOWARD JOHN L Form 4 August 02, 2018

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HOWARD JOHN L Issuer Symbol GRAINGER W W INC [GWW] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY 08/01/2018 below) Sr. VP and General Counsel (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LAKE FOREST, IL 60045 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio Code	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed	(A) o		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)  Code V	(Instr. 3, Amount	(A) or (D)	5) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/01/2018		A(1)	4,811	A	\$0	43,217	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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. porNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pri Deriv Secui (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 149.02					04/27/2014	04/26/2021	Common Stock	14,990	
Stock Option	\$ 204.01					04/25/2015	04/24/2022	Common Stock	11,716	
Stock Option	\$ 245.86					04/24/2016	04/23/2023	Common Stock	11,543	
Stock Option	\$ 248.22					04/30/2017	04/29/2024	Common Stock	7,360	
Stock Option	\$ 231.88					04/01/2018	03/31/2025	Common Stock	9,728	
Stock Option	\$ 234.38					04/01/2019	03/31/2026	Common Stock	12,390	
Stock Option	\$ 231.2					04/03/2020	04/02/2027	Common Stock	8,607	
Stock Option	\$ 276.64					04/02/2021	04/01/2028	Common Stock	8,979	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HOWARD JOHN L 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY			Sr. VP and General Counsel					
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			51. VI and General Counsel					

# **Signatures**

Hugo Dubovoy, Jr., as attorney-in-fact 08/02/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **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).
- These were performance vested restricted stock units ("PRSUs"), granted on August 1, 2015. The performance goals for the three-year period ended July 31, 2018 were met, as certified by the Company's Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on August 1, 2018. The PRSUs will vest on August 1, 2020 if Reporting Person remains continuously employed by the Company through that date.

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