GASS RHONDA Form 4 February 13, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GASS RHONDA**

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

1000 STANLEY DRIVE

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2018

(Check all applicable)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X_ Director

Officer (give title Other (specify

10% Owner

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053

(State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(A)

9,464 D

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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. I Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Deferred Stock (1)	\$ 0 (2)	01/01/2018		A	2,590	01/01/2019	(3)	Common Stock	2,590	
Deferred Stock (1)	\$ 0 (2)					05/24/2018	(3)	Common Stock	7,020	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GASS RHONDA 1000 STANLEY DRIVE NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053	X						

Signatures

Person

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,
Agent

**Signature of Reporting

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) Granted under the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of the Deferred Shares Agreement for Directors, the deferred shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (3) No expiration date.

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