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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

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 04/05/2018 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)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	Securitie	s Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securiti onor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (D)	` ′	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	(D)	Price	(======================================	
Common Stock	04/05/2018	M(1)		19,500	A	\$ 108.15	57,906	D
Common	04/05/2018	S(1)		19,500	D	\$ 295	38,406	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	onDeriv Secu Acqu or Di (D)	urities uired (A) visposed of tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 108.15	04/05/2018		M <u>(1)</u>		19,500	04/28/2013	04/27/2020	Common Stock	19,500
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 LAKE FOREST, IL 60045			Sr. VP and General Counsel				

Signatures

Hugo Dubovoy, as	
attorney-in-fact	04/05/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- * 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) Transaction pursuant to a previously adopted Rule 10b5-1 trading program.

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