

Grace Melanie  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Grace Melanie

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HERCULES CAPITAL  
INC., 400 HAMILTON AVENUE  
SUITE 310

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/09/2018

4. If Amendment, Date 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)  
General Counsel & CCO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check 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**

| 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 or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/09/2018                           |  | A                              | (1) 12,845  | \$ 13.04  | D  |   |
| Restricted Stock Units          | 01/09/2018                           |  | A                              | (2) (3) 12,845  | \$ 13.04  | 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) | 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Grace Melanie<br>C/O HERCULES CAPITAL INC.<br>400 HAMILTON AVENUE SUITE 310<br>PALO ALTO, CA 94301 |               |           | General Counsel & CCO |       |

## Signatures

/s/Melanie  
Grace 01/12/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person 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) Restricted stock issued as a grant pursuant to the Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan and subject to forfeiture restrictions of one-third vesting on January 9, 2019 followed by quarterly vesting over the following 24 months.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hercules Capital, Inc. stock.  
The restricted stock units vest one-third on January 09, 2019 and the remaining two-thirds vest quarterly in equal amounts over the following two years. Vested shares will be delivered to reporting person as soon as reasonably practicable on the earlier of (a) January 09, 2022 and (b) the date (i) reporting person separates from service from Issuer, (ii) dies or becomes disabled or (iii) there is a change in control of the Issuer.

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