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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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 Macpherson Donald G Issuer Symbol GRAINGER W W INC [GWW] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY 08/01/2018 below) Chairman and CEO (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) Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	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 insactionDisposed of (D) le (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/01/2018		A(1)	8,507	A	\$ 0	39,118	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2018		M(2)	24,876	A	\$ 149.02	63,994	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2018		S(2)	1,990	D	\$ 339.9732 (3)	62,004	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2018		S(2)	3,610	D	\$ 340.7805 (4)	58,394	D	
	08/01/2018		S(2)	7,064	D		51,330	D	

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Common Stock					\$ 341.7857 (5)		
Common Stock	08/01/2018	S(2)	3,884	D	\$ 342.6813 <u>(6)</u>	47,446	D
Common Stock	08/01/2018	S(2)	700	D	\$ 343.8114 <u>(7)</u>	46,746	D
Common Stock	08/01/2018	S(2)	2,900	D	\$ 344.9099 (8)	43,846	D
Common Stock	08/01/2018	S(2)	900	D	\$ 346.1333 <u>(9)</u>	42,946	D
Common Stock	08/01/2018	S(2)	300	D	\$ 346.8433 (10)	42,646	D
Common Stock	08/01/2018	S(2)	100	D	\$ 349.43	42,546	D

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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 onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 149.02	08/01/2018		M(2)		24,876	04/27/2014	04/26/2021	Common Stock	24,876
Stock Option	\$ 204.01						04/25/2015	04/24/2022	Common Stock	16,923
	\$ 245.86						04/24/2016	04/23/2023		15,741

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Stock Option				Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$ 248.22	04/30/2017	04/29/2024	Common Stock	12,266
Stock Option	\$ 231.88	04/01/2018	03/31/2025	Common Stock	14,380
Stock Option	\$ 234.38	04/01/2019	03/31/2026	Common Stock	23,827
Stock Option	\$ 231.2	04/03/2020	04/02/2027	Common Stock	36,415
Stock Option	\$ 276.64	04/02/2021	04/01/2028	Common Stock	46,063

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Macpherson Donald G 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY	X		Chairman and CEO				
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045							

Signatures

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

**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).
- 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 W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s (the "Company") Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on August 1, 2018. The PRSUs will vest on August 1, 2022 if Reporting Person remains continuously employed by the Company through that date.
- (2) Transaction pursuant to a previously adopted Rule 10b5-1 trading program.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$339.29 to \$340.28, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide the Company, any security holder of the Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (3) through (10) to this Form 4.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$340.29 to \$341.26, inclusive.
- (5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$341.32 to \$342.31, inclusive.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$342.33 to \$343.29, inclusive.
- (7) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$343.43 to \$344.41, inclusive.

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- (8) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$344.45 to \$345.43, inclusive.
- (9) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$345.66 to \$346.62, inclusive.
- (10) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$346.77 to \$346.88, inclusive.

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