

GRAINGER W W INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
HOWARD JOHN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 GRAINGER PARKWAY  
  
(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRAINGER W W INC [GWW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/06/2014

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)  
Sr. VP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/06/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	900	A \$ 76.61	37,702	D
Common Stock	11/06/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	400	D \$ 255	37,302	D
Common Stock	11/06/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D \$ 255.04	37,102	D
Common Stock	11/06/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100	D \$ 255.05	37,002	D
Common Stock	11/06/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	200	D \$ 255.08	36,802	D

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 76.61	11/06/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	900	04/26/2009 04/25/2016	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 83.08					04/25/2010 04/24/2017	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Option	\$ 85.82					04/30/2011 04/29/2018	Common Stock	11,000
Stock Option	\$ 81.49					04/29/2012 04/28/2019	Common Stock	21,000
Stock Option	\$ 108.15					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

## 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

David L. Rawlinson, as  
attorney-in-fact

11/10/2014

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

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