

GRAINGER W W INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**HOWARD JOHN L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 GRAINGER PARKWAY

(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/18/2010**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/18/2010		M		12,500	A	\$ 45.5	55,920	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2010		S		100	D	\$ 108.28	55,820	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2010		S		100	D	\$ 108.29	55,720	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2010		S		100	D	\$ 108.3	55,620	D	
Common Stock	03/18/2010		S		927	D	\$ 108.32	54,693	D	

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Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	100	D	\$ 108.395	54,593	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	400	D	\$ 108.42	54,193	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	800	D	\$ 108.44	53,393	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	400	D	\$ 108.48	52,993	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	200	D	\$ 108.5	52,793	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	300	D	\$ 108.51	52,493	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	300	D	\$ 108.52	52,193	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	400	D	\$ 108.53	51,793	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	100	D	\$ 108.54	51,693	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	100	D	\$ 108.55	51,593	D
Common Stock	03/18/2010	S	600	D	\$ 108.6	50,993	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 45.5	03/18/2010		M	12,500	04/30/2006	04/29/2013	Common Stock	12,500

Option	\$ 54.14	04/28/2007	04/27/2014	Common Stock	12,000
Option	\$ 52.29	04/27/2008	04/26/2015	Common Stock	13,000
Option	\$ 76.61	04/26/2009	04/25/2016	Common Stock	10,000
Option	\$ 83.08	04/25/2010	04/24/2017	Common Stock	10,000
Option	\$ 85.82	04/30/2011	04/29/2018	Common Stock	11,000
Option	\$ 81.49	04/29/2012	04/28/2019	Common Stock	21,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWARD JOHN L 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201			Sr. VP and General Counsel	

## Signatures

C. L. Kogl, as  
attorney-in-fact

03/19/2010

\_\_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).

### Remarks:

This is the first of three Forms 4 to report all March 18, 2010 transactions for the reporting person.

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