

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHEN YC

(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)  
03/17/2008

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)  
Group President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |        |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/17/2008                           |  | P                              | V   | 2,100   | A  | \$ 72.05                          | 40,450 | 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)**

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| 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 or Per Share Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Option                                     | \$ 54.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/24/2005 04/23/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 10,000   |
| Option                                     | \$ 45.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/30/2006 04/29/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 20,000   |
| Option                                     | \$ 54.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/28/2007 04/27/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 13,100   |
| Option                                     | \$ 52.29   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/27/2008 04/26/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 13,100   |
| Option                                     | \$ 76.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/26/2009 04/25/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 8,000  |
| Option                                     | \$ 83.08   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/25/2010 04/24/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 16,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| CHEN YC<br>100 GRAINGER PARKWAY<br>LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201 |               |           | Group President |       |

## Signatures

J. L. Howard, as attorney-in-fact  
03/19/2008

\_\_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).

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