

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE  
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 \*  
**PETERSON WILLIAM B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
312 WALNUT ST., 28TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/21/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP/Television Station Group

(Street)  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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   |  |                                   |
|  |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 02/21/2008                           |  | A                              | 7,826   | A   | 7,826 (1)  | D                                 |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 11,735   | D                                 |
| Common Voting                                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 0  | D                                 |

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Shares, \$.01  
par value  
per share

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. De Se (In   |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title          | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option                                     | \$ 37.555  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/20/2003   | 02/19/2012  | Class A Common | 10,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 39.985  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/26/2004   | 02/25/2013  | Class A Common | 10,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 48.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/23/2005   | 03/22/2014  | Class A Common | 22,500                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 46.46   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/15/2006   | 02/09/2013  | Class A Common | 17,500                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 48.91   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2007   | 02/21/2014  | Class A Common | 17,500                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 46.83   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/10/2007   | 05/09/2014  | Class A Common | 15,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 48.82   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2008   | 02/21/2015  | Class A Common | 25,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 42.62   | 02/21/2008                           |  | A                              | 1   | 02/21/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/20/2016  | Class A Common | 25,000                     |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| PETERSON WILLIAM B<br>312 WALNUT ST., 28TH FLOOR<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 |               |           | SVP/Television Station Group |       |

# Signatures

/s/ M.Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for William B.  
Peterson

02/25/2008

\_\_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).
- (1) This restricted share award shall vest in three equal installments on 2/21/09, 2/21/10 and 2/21/11.
- (2) This option is exercisable in equal installments on 2/21/09, 2/21/10 and 2/21/11.
- (3) The exercise price of this nonqualified stock option award granted under the company's Long-Term Incentive Plan is \$42.62.

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