

GRAINGER W W INC  
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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 \*  
HOBOR NANCY A

(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)  
04/20/2006

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-Communications & Inv Rel

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/20/2006		M		20,000 A \$ 37.5	49,400	D
Common Stock	04/20/2006		S		12,300 D \$ 79.5	37,100	D
Common Stock	04/20/2006		S		4,600 D \$ 79.51	32,500	D
Common Stock	04/20/2006		S		2,700 D \$ 79.52	29,800	D
Common Stock	04/20/2006		S		100 D \$ 79.54	29,700	D

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Common Stock    04/20/2006          S    300    D    \$ 79.55    29,400    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	\$ 37.5	04/20/2006		M	20,000	04/25/2004    04/24/2011	Common Stock    20,000
Option	\$ 37.5					04/25/2007    04/24/2011	Common Stock    710
Option	\$ 54.61					04/24/2005    04/23/2012	Common Stock    15,000
Option	\$ 45.5					04/30/2006    04/29/2013	Common Stock    15,000
Option	\$ 54.14					04/28/2007    04/27/2014	Common Stock    9,000
Option	\$ 52.29					04/27/2008    04/26/2015	Common Stock    8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOBOR NANCY A 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201			Sr VP-Communications & Inv Rel	

## Signatures

L. M. Trusdell, as  
attorney-in-fact

04/21/2006

\_\_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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