

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 \*  
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)  
10/24/2005

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	10/24/2005		M		1,160 A \$ 42.8125	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2005		M		7,100 A \$ 43.5	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2005		M		1,070 A \$ 43.5	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2005		S		8,530 D \$ 65.31	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2005		S		300 D \$ 65.39	D	

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Common Stock 10/24/2005 S 500 D \$ 65.44 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option	\$ 42.8125	10/24/2005		M		1,160		03/01/2003	02/28/2010	Common Stock	1,160
Option	\$ 43.5	10/24/2005		M		7,100		04/26/2003	04/25/2010	Common Stock	7,100
Option	\$ 43.5	10/24/2005		M		1,070		<u>(1)</u>	04/25/2010	Common Stock	1,070
Option	\$ 37.5							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

10/26/2005

\_\_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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