GRAINGER W W INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WEBB JANIECE S

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

GRAINGER W W INC [GWW]

(Check all applicable)

100 GRAINGER PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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)
Common Stock	12/21/2004		Code V M	Amount 2,200	(D)	Price \$ 37.25		D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	1,860	A	\$ 48.625	15,362	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	2,070	A	\$ 43.5	17,432	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	2,400	A	\$ 37.5	19,832	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	1,980	A	\$ 45.5	21,812	D	
	12/21/2004		S	10,510	D	\$ 66.18	11,302	D	

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Common Stock

Common Stock 350 I Footnote (1)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	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
Stock units	(2)						<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	5,243
Stock Option	\$ 37.25	12/21/2004		M		2,200	04/30/2000	04/29/2007	Common Stock	2,200
Stock Option	\$ 51.6875						04/29/2001	04/28/2008	Common Stock	1,460
Stock Option	\$ 48.625	12/21/2004		M		1,860	04/28/1999	04/27/2009	Common Stock	1,860
Stock Option	\$ 43.5	12/21/2004		M		2,070	04/26/2000	04/25/2010	Common Stock	2,070
Stock Option	\$ 37.5	12/21/2004		M		2,400	04/25/2001	04/24/2011	Common Stock	2,400
Stock Option	\$ 54.61						04/24/2002	04/23/2012	Common Stock	1,650
Stock Option	\$ 45.5	12/21/2004		M		1,980	04/30/2003	04/29/2013	Common Stock	1,980
Stock Option	\$ 54.14						04/28/2004	04/27/2014	Common Stock	1,670

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WEBB JANIECE S

100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201

X

Signatures

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

12/22/2004

**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) Shares held by spouse. Ms. Webb disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) The stock units are expected to settle in cash following termination of service as a director.

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