Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hilferty Daniel J III |   |       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Essential Utilities, Inc. [ WTRG ] |                                   |  |         |             |                           |                              |                   |                    |   | ationship<br>all app<br>Direc                    | ,  | ng Per                                  | rson(s) to Is  |   |  |  |
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| (Last)<br>762 W L   | (Last) (First) (Middle) 762 W LANCASTER AVE                           |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2021                           |                                   |  |         |             |                           |                              |                   | A                  |   | er (give title                                   |  | Other (:<br>below)                      |  |   |  |  |
| (Street) BRYN M   | IAWR P  |       | .9010<br>Zip)   |                                   | 4. If A  |         |             |                           |                              |                   |                    | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X                            | Form   | r Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable If filed by One Reporting Person If filed by More than One Reporting In the state of the state o |   |  |   |  |  |
|   |   | Table | I - No  | n-Deriva                          | tive S   | Secu    | rities      | Acc                       | uired                        | , Dis             | posed of           | , or E  | Benefic  | cially   | Own                                     | ed   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day    |   |       | Execution Date,   |                                   | 3.<br>Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |         |             |                           |                              |                   |                    | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |   |  |   |  |  |
|   |   |       |   |                                   |  |         |             | Code                      | v                            | Amount            | (A) o<br>(D)       | r<br>Price  | е  | Transaction<br>(Instr. 3 and   |   |  |   | (111501.4)   |  |
| Common  | nmon Stock 09/30  |       | 09/30/2   | 021                               |  | A       |             | 537                       | A                            | \$46              | .595 21            |   | 1,758  |  | D                                       |  |   |  |  |
|   |   | Tal   | ble II -  |                                   |  |         |             |                           |                              |                   | osed of, convertib |   |  |  | Owne                                    | t  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)             | 2.<br>Conversior<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |       | if any  | emed<br>tion Date,<br>n/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8)   | (Instr. | of<br>Deriv | r<br>osed<br>)<br>r. 3, 4 | 6. Date<br>Expirat<br>(Month | tion D<br>h/Day/` |                    | 7. Title Amou Secur Under Deriva Secur 3 and      | int of<br>ities<br>rlying<br>ative<br>ity (Instr | Der Sec (Ins   | Price of<br>ivative<br>urity<br>str. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | , | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Brian J Dingerdissen, attorney-in-fact for Mr.

10/04/2021

**Hilferty** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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