FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>Hilferty Daniel J III</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Essential Utilities, Inc.</u> [WTRG] | | | | | | | | | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) | | | suer | |
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| | | Table | e I - No | on-Deriva | tive S | Secu | rities Acc | luired | , Dis | posed of, | , or Be | nefici | ally O | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date (Month/Day | | | | /Year) Execut | | ution Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | d Se Be Ov | Amount of curities neficially rned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | Code V | | Amount (A) or (D) Pri | | Price | e Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 09/20/20 | | | | 022 | | | A | | 600 | A | \$45.8 | 45 | 24,012 | D | | | | |
| | | Та | ble II · | | | | | | | osed of, o | | | | ned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversio or Exercis Price of Derivative | | Execut if any | A. Deemed xecution Date, | | ransaction ode (Instr. 5. Number of Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative | | 8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5 | ve derivative / Securities | Owner Form: | ship (D) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |

| Derivative Security | | | | | | iired r osed) r. 3, 4 5) | | | Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

09/21/2022

Hilferty

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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