FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCHULLER DANIEL | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Essential Utilities, Inc. [WTRG] | | | | | | | | heck all ap Dire | licable) tor | ng Pers | 10% Ov | vner | |
|--|---------|--------------------|----------------|---|--|---|----------------------|--|------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) 762 W. L | ` | irst) ER AVENUE | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2022 | | | | | | | | ^ belo | , | Vice I | Other (specify below) President | |
| (Street) BRYN M (City) | | | 19010 (Zip) | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Liı | ne) X Fori Fori | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | Date | nsaction | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Dispo | | 4. Securiti Disposed 5) | ies Acquir Of (D) (Ins | ed (A) or str. 3, 4 an | d Secur Benet Owne | cially I Following | Form (D) o | r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o | r Price | Trans | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 02 | | | 02/1 | 16/202 | 5/2022 | | A | | 3,821 ⁽¹⁾ A | | \$(|) 2 | 45,505 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 401k | | | | | | | | | | | 9. | 944.91(2) | | Ι . | 401k | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year) Or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date Execution Date (Month/Day/Year) Or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) | | | Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n Derivative | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) An Se Un De | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5) | | e es ally g | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | or Numbe of | Amount or (Instr. Number | | (9) | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$45.19 | 02/16/2022 | | | A | | 7,108 ⁽³⁾ | | 02/16/20 | 23 (| 02/16/2032 | Common Stock | 7,108 | \$45.19 | 7,10 | 98 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents award of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock. The restricted stock units vest on 02/16/2025.
- 2. Includes shares acquired under the Company's 401k plan since the last filing.
- 3. Grant of 7,108 shares of stock options which vest one-third each year on the anniversary of the grant, subject to achievement of designated performance goals.

/s/ Brian Dingerdissen,

02/18/2022 attorney-in-fact for Mr.

Schuller

** 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).
- ** 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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