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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SCHULLER DANIEL</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>762 W. LANCASTER AVENUE</u>  (Street) <u>BRYN MAWR PA 19010</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Essential Utilities, Inc. [ WTRG ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/22/2023</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>02/22/2023</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>4,213<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>A</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>48,121</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Common Stock 401k</u>								<u>968.36<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>I</u>	<u>401k</u>

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
<u>Stock Options (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>\$45.37</u>	<u>02/22/2023</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>6,936<sup>(3)</sup></u>		<u>02/22/2024</u>	<u>02/22/2033</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>6,936</u>	<u>\$45.37</u>	<u>6,936</u>	<u>D</u>	

**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 02/22/2026.
- 2. Includes shares acquired under the Company's 401k plan since the last filing.
- 3. Grant of 6,936 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 Dingerdisen,  
attorney-in-fact for Mr. Schuller 02/24/2023  
 Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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