

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**PETERSON WILLIAM B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
312 WALNUT ST., 28TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP/Television Station Group

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share					8,218 (1)	D	
Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share					0	D	

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P. Der. Sec. (Ins			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 8.01							02/20/2003	02/19/2012	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 8.52							02/26/2004	02/25/2013	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 10.38							03/23/2005	03/22/2014	Class A Common	21,126
Option	\$ 9.9							02/10/2006	02/09/2013	Class A Common	16,431
Option	\$ 9.99							05/10/2007	05/09/2014	Class A Common	32,863
Option	\$ 10.41							02/22/2008	02/21/2015	Class A Common	86,069
Option	\$ 9.09							02/21/2009	02/20/2016	Class A Common	117,370
Option	\$ 10.44							02/22/2007	02/21/2014	Class A Common	38,338

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETERSON WILLIAM B 312 WALNUT ST., 28TH FLOOR CINCINNATI, OH 45202			SVP/Television Station Group	

## Signatures

/s/ Mary Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for William B.  
Peterson

01/05/2009

\_\_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) Effective July 16, 2008, shareholders approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to effect a 1-for-3 reverse share split. The holdings for this individual were adjusted accordingly.

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