

PETERSON RENEE J  
 Form 4  
 December 13, 2012

**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL  
 OMB Number: 3235-0287  
 Expires: January 31, 2015  
 Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PETERSON RENEE J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TORO CO [TTC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8111 LYNDALE AVENUE SOUTH

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/11/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Finance & CFO

(Street)  
 BLOOMINGTON, MN 55420

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

(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)           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 40,717.585 (1)  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2.012 (2)   | I  | The Toro Company Investment, Savings & ESOP |

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form

SEC 1474 (9-02)

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 42.06   | 12/11/2012                           |  | A                              | 25,800  | (3) 12/11/2022   | Common Stock  | 25,800                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| PETERSON RENEE J<br>8111 LYNDALE AVENUE SOUTH<br>BLOOMINGTON, MN 55420 |               |           | VP,<br>Finance &<br>CFO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. McGrath,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2012

\_\_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) Includes 83,749 shares acquired by the reporting person since the date of her last report under The Toro Company Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "DRIP") on 30,403,890 shares of restricted stock and related DRIP shares. The restricted stock is an employment inducement grant awarded to the reporting person on August 22, 2011 (the "Inducement Grant"). The award of the Inducement Grant was previously reported on a Form 4 by the reporting person on August 24, 2011. The Inducement Grant vests in three equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
  - (2) Includes .006 shares of common stock acquired by the reporting person under the dividend reinvestment feature of The Toro Company Investment, Savings & ESOP since the date of her last report.
  - (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.