

# **GREEN PLAINS INC.**

Reported by  
**SIMPKINS G PATRICH JR**

## **FORM 4**

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Address     | 1811 AKSARBEN DRIVE<br>OMAHA, NE, 68106 |
| Telephone   | 402-884-8700                            |
| CIK         | 0001309402                              |
| Symbol      | GPRE                                    |
| SIC Code    | 2860 - Industrial Organic Chemicals     |
| Industry    | Renewable Fuels                         |
| Sector      | Energy                                  |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31                                   |

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|   |  |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)   |  |
| <b>Simpkins G Patrich Jr</b>              |  | <b>Green Plains Inc. [ GPRE ]</b>                 |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Chief Development Officer</b> |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  |   |  |
| <b>1811 AKSARBEN DRIVE</b>                |  | <b>3/2/2018</b>                                   |  |   |  |
| (Street)                                  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)   |  |
| <b>OMAHA, NE 68106</b>                    |  |   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                |                                   | Code                      | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 3/2/2018       |                                   | F                         | (U) | 1798  | D          | \$19.2 | 101514  | D  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 |                 | 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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

(1) Disposition reported represents tax withholding on the portion of a previously reported grant that vested on date indicated herein.

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| <b>Simpkins G Patrich Jr</b><br><b>1811 AKSARBEN DRIVE</b><br><b>OMAHA, NE 68106</b> |               |           | <b>Chief Development Officer</b> |       |

### Signatures

/s/ Patrich G. Simpkins Jr.

3/6/2018

\*\*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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