## SEC Form 4

# FORM 4

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

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres Farina Thoma	ss of Reporting Person	1	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Freshpet, Inc.</u> [ FRPT ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) C/O FRESHPET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2016	x	Officer (give title below) Sr. Vice Preside	Other (specify below)			
(Street) SECAUCUS (City)	NJ (State)	07094 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filin Form filed by One Re Form filed by More tha Person	porting Person			

#### 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)	Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)

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. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Numb of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (II 3, 4 and	ve es d ed nstr.	(Month/Day/Year)		of Securities		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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$7.1	12/30/2016		A		35,414		(1)	12/31/2020	Common Stock	35,414	\$0	35,414	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The options were originally issued pursuant to the Issuer's 2010 Stock Option Plan as performance based awards. On December 30, 2016, the awards were amended from performance based awards to time vested awards. The awards as amended vest on December 30, 2018.

<u>/s/ Richard A. Kassar, as</u>
Attorney-in-fact for the
Reporting Person

01/04/2017

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).

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