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## 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   | s of Reporting Persor | 1     | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Freshpet, Inc.</u> [ FRPT ] |   | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner |                          |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|--|---|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| C/O FRESHPET, INC.   |                       |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/27/2018                       | Λ   | Officer (give title<br>below)  | Other (specify<br>below) |  |  |
| 400 PLAZA DR         | IVE, FLOOR I          |       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicat |  |                          |  |  |
| (Street)<br>SECAUCUS | NJ                    | 07094 |  | X   | Form filed by One Repor<br>Form filed by More than<br>Person                       | 0                        |  |  |
| (City)               | (State)               | (Zip) |  |   |  |                          |  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | Code (Instr. |   |        |               |                   | Securities<br>Beneficially         | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------|---|--------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
|                                 |  |  | Code         | v | Amount | (A) or<br>(D) | Price             | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | (mour 4)  |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 03/27/2018   |  | w            | v | 125    | A             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 35,345                             | D   |   |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   |     |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares of restricted Common Stock were awarded to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan and vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer at such date.

| <u>/s/ Richard A. Kassar, as</u> |      |
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| Attorney-in-fact for the         | 03/2 |
| Reporting Person                 |      |

3/28/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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