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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Add | | g Person [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Freshpet, Inc.</u> [FRPT] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------|--|------------------|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Basto J David | | | <u> </u> | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FRESHPET, INC. 400 PLAZA DRIVE, FLOOR 1 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2023 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indi Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | |
| (Street) | | 07004 | | X | Form filed by One Re | porting Person | | | | |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1104.14) |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 03/13/2023 | | Α | | 2,113 | Α | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 35,147 | D | |

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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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 6. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) equired) or sposed (D) str. 3, 4 | | xpiration Date Amount of | | 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 | | | | |

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.

| /s/ Stephen Macchiaverna, as | |
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| Attorney-in-fact for the | 03/15/2023 |
| Reporting Person | |

** 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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