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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

Bluestein Scott Issuer Symbol Hercules Capital, Inc. [HTGC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, 05/21/2018 below) Chief Investment Officer

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

INC., 31 ST. JAMES AVENUE, **SUITE 790**

BOSTON, MA 02116

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3.

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Restricted 05/21/2018 5.813 A $238,341 \frac{(1)}{2}$ D Stock Units

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

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bluestein Scott C/O HERCULES CAPITAL, INC. 31 ST. JAMES AVENUE, SUITE 790 BOSTON, MA 02116

Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

/s/Melanie Grace, Attorney-in-Fact for Scott Bluestein

05/21/2018

**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).

Includes additional Dividend Shares relating to deemed reinvested dividend equivalent rights that accrued on Restricted Stock Units

(RSUs) previously granted. Such additional Dividend Shares are in the form of additional RSUs vest and are settled at the same time as the RSUs in respect of which the dividend equivalent rights accrued. Each such additional Dividend Share RSU is the economic equivalent of one share of Hercules Capital, Inc. common stock.

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