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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| STATEMENT  | OF CHANGES    | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP     |

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HAYDEN JOHN W |  |  |              |                              |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol E.W. SCRIPPS Co SSP |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            | ationship of<br>k all applica                    | f Reporting Person(s) to Issuer able) |                         |                       |                        |
| <u>naid</u>   |  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             |   | X  | Director            |   |             | 10% Ov                     | vner   |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
| (Last)  | (F   | irst)  | (Middle)     |                              |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2020     |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            | Officer (<br>below)                              | give title                            |                         | Other (specify below) |                        |
| 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR                           |  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            |  |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
|   |  |  |              |                              | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Appli |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
| (Street)  |  |  |              |                              | Line)   |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            |  |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
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|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            |  |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
| 1. Title of S   | Security (Ins  | tr. 3)   |              | 2. Trans                     | sactio  | n   | 2A. Deei           |          |             | 3.  |  |                     | rities Ac   |             |                            | 5. Amoun   |                                       |                         |                       | 7. Nature of           |
|   |  | •  |              | Date<br>(Month/              | /Dav/Y  | (ear)   | Execution Dat      |          | te,         |   |  | Dispos              | isposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4                                       |             |                            | 1 and Securities<br>Beneficia                    |                                       |                         |                       | Indirect<br>Beneficial |
|   |  |  |              | (                            | unbay, reary  |   | (Month/Day/Ye      |          | ear)        | 8)  |  | "                   |   |             |                            | Owned Fo   | ollowing                              | (I) (Instr. 4)          |                       | Ownership              |
|   |  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             | Code  | v  | Amoun               | t (   | A) or<br>D) | Price                      | Transacti<br>(Instr. 3 a                         | ion(s)                                |                         |                       | (Instr. 4)             |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per              |  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     | $\neg \neg$   |             |                            | 71,51  | 5.848                                 |                         | D                     |                        |
| share   |  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            | ,,,  |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share         |  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   | 0           |                            |  | D                                     |                         |                       |                        |
| onare .   |  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            |  |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
|   |  |  | Table II - D |                              |   |   | urities<br>Is, war |          |             |   |  |                     |   |             |                            | wned   |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
| 1. Title of   | 2.   | 2 Transportion   |              | 1 4                          |   |   | _                  | _        | _           |   |  |                     | 1   |             |                            | 8. Price of                                      | 9. Numbe                              | ar of                   | 10.                   | 11. Nature             |
| Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                    | Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security                  | rcise (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Derivative of Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Securities Acquired |              | ve<br>es<br>d<br>ed<br>nstr. | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Am Securities Under Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4) |   |                    |          | erlying     | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>ally<br>g | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |             |                            |  |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
|   |  |  |              | Co                           | ode   | v   | (A)                | (D)      | Date<br>Exe | e<br>rcisable                                       |  | oiration<br>e       | Title   | Nui         | ount or<br>nber of<br>ares |  |                                       |                         |                       |                        |
| Phantom<br>Stock  | (1)  | 03/31/2020   |              |                              | J   |   | 561.07             |          |             | (1)   |  | (1)                 | Class .<br>Comm   | חר ו        | 1.07(2)                    | \$7.54   | 85,171                                | .58                     | D                     |                        |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                            | (3)  |  |              |                              |   |   |                    |          | 05/0        | 06/2020   | 05/  | 06/2020             | Restrict<br>Stock<br>Units  | : 4         | ,279                       |  | 4,279                                 | (3)                     | D                     |                        |

- 1. Pursuant to the company's 1997 Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors, directors may defer fees into a phantom stock fund. Under this plan, fees are allocated to a phantom shares account based on the fair market value of the company's Class A Common Shares on the last trading day of each quarter. Balances are paid in either shares or cash at the time a director leaves the Board.
- 2. Pursuant to the company's 1997 Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors, at the end of each calendar quarter, the number of shares credited to a Phantom Stock Account shall be increased by any dividends paid on shares during that calendar quarter.
- 3. This restricted stock unit award will vest in 2020. Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will convert into one Class A Common Share of the Company.

## Remarks:

/s/ William Appleton, Attorney-04/01/2020 in-fact for John W. Hayden

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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