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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Addr Cronin Walter | • | ng Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Green Plains Inc. [GPRE] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 1811 AKSARBEN DRIVE | | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2017 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Commercial Operations | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| OMAHA, NE 68106 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne | | |

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|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or Disposed of | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (D) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | () | Reported | | |
| | | | | (A) | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | or Amount (D) Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2017 | | S | 6,737 D \$ 16.8 | 50,200 | D | |

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. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | Date | Expiration | | Amount | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Exercisable | Date | Title | Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|--|--|--|
| ·r· | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Cronin Walter S | | | EVP - | | | | |
| 1811 AKSARBEN DRIVE | | | Commercial | | | | |
| OMAHA, NE 68106 | | | Operations | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Walter S.
Cronin

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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