FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Skula Catherine M</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RENT A CENTER INC DE [RCII] | | | | | | | | (Check all app Direc | 10% C | | wner | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5501 HEADQUARTERS DRIVE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2018 | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP - Franchising | | | | | |
| (Street) PLANO (City) | LANO TX 75024 | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | Execut Year) if any | | emed tion Date, n/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 4, | | | | |
| Common 02/0 | | | | |)18 | | | | F | | 448(1) | D | \$9.42 | 19,35 | 57 D | | | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 102 | | I | | By Deferred Compensation Plan | |
| 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) | Exec if any | eemed ution Date, , th/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 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 Exe | e rcisable | Expiration Date | Title | of Shares | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Catherine M. Skula

02/08/2018

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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^{1.} Number of shares withheld to cover taxes with respect to time-based restricted stock units which vested on February 6, 2018 (upon completion of three years of continuous employment from grant date of February 6, 2015).