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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Whitelaw Gary

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

WELLTOWER INC. [HCN]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

07/26/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

TOLEDO, OH 43615

4500 DORR STREET

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Title and Amount of

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Derivative Acquired Security (A) or Disposed

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title

or Number of

Shares

Amount

Deferred

Stock $\$ 0 \ \underline{^{(1)}}$ 07/26/2017 A 832 07/26/2018 $\underline{^{(1)}}$ 07/26/2018 $\underline{^{(1)}}$ Common 832 $\underline{^{(1)}}$

Units

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Whitelaw Gary

4500 DORR STREET X

TOLEDO, OH 43615

Signatures

By: Matthew G. McQueen Attorney-in-Fact For: Gary Whitelaw 07/28/2017

**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).

These deferred stock units were granted without cash consideration on July 26, 2017 under the Welltower Inc. 2016 Long-Term Incentive

(1) Plan. Each deferred stock unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Welltower Inc. at the time of vesting of the unit. These deferred stock units vest in one installment on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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