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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	1 8	on*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS</u> [NKTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
CHESS ROB	<u>ERI</u>		tt	X	Director	10% Owner					
(Last) 150 INDUSTRIA	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2005	X	Officer (give title below) Executive Chain	Other (specify below) man					
150 IND 05 I KIP	IL ROAD										
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
SAN CARLOS	CA	94070		X	Form filed by One Report	ing Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (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(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130. 4)		
Common Stock	03/14/2005		A		2,777	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	207,765	D			

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)	of Deri Seci Acq (A) c Disp of (E	of Expiration Date Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ <mark>0</mark>	03/14/2005		D		2,777	03/14/2005	(1)	Common Stock	2,777	\$ <mark>0</mark>	13,889	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Not Applicable.

/s/ Paula S. Kasler

03/15/2005

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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