FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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TATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Krivulka Joseph J</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR] | | | | | | | (Ch | Relationship of eck all applic X Director | able) | g Pers | on(s) to Issu 10% Ow | |
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| (Last) C/O NEI | , | First) ERAPEUTICS | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/02/2005 | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | Other (s below) | pecify |
| 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD | | | | 4. 1 | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | |
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| (City) | 3) | State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tak | le I - Noi | n-Deri | ivativ | e Se | curities | s Ac | quired, D | ispos | ed o | f, or Be | neficial | y Owned | | | | |
| Date | | | Date | nsaction n/Day/Ye | ear) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ties Acquire d Of (D) (Ins | | Beneficia Owned F | s ally ollowing | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code V | Am | ount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | uired, Dis , options, | | | | | Owned | , | | | |
| | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Date, | Code | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | and | 7. Title and Amor of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expira Date | ation | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$18.19 | 06/02/2005 | | | A | | 30,000 | | (1) | 06/02/2 | 2013 | Common Stock | 30,000 | (2) | 40,000 |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 1/36th of the shares shall vest per calendar month commencing June 2, 2005.
- 2. Not Applicable.

/s/ Joseph J Krivulka

06/02/2005

** 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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