FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Thomsen Jillian B. | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR] | | | | | | | | (Che | ck all applic | cable) r | g Pers | on(s) to Iss 10% Ov | vner | |
|---|---|--|--|------------------------|--|--|--------------|--------------|--|---|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH | | | | | Date o | | Transa | action (Mo | nth/C | ay/Year) | , x | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP & Chief Accounting Officer | | | | | | | |
| (Street) SAN FRANCE | isco C | A | 94158 | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Inc Line) | ´ | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non | n-Deriv | ativ | e Se | curities | s Acc | quired, | Disp | osed o | f, or Be | nefi | cially | Owned | | | | |
| Date | | | Date | ate Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | Securitie Beneficia Owned F | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned tollowing | | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | Amount (A) or (D) | | rice | Transact | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 12/1 | | | | 12/13 | 3/201 | 3/2016 | | A | | 15,000 A | | . ; | \$0.00 | 57,602 ⁽²⁾ | | | D | | |
| | | - | Fable II - I | | | | | | | | | or Ben ble sec | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exi Expiration (Month/Da | Date | of Securities | | ties 1g e Seci | | 3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Owi Fori Dire or II (I) (I | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisabl | | xpiration ate | Title | or | ount nber res | | | | | |
| Stock Option | \$12.24 | 12/13/2016 | | | A | | 37,500 | | (3) | 1 | 2/12/2024 | Common Stock | 37, | 500 | \$0.00 | 37,500 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This stock award was acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock. These RSUs vest over three years in equal quarterly installments based on continued service.
- 2. This number includes 988 shares held by the reporting person in the Issuer's 401(K) plan and 2,750 shares held by the reporting person from the Issuer's ESPP plan. The acquisition of these shares under both plans is exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- 3. This stock option vests over four years in equal monthly installments based on continued service.

Remarks:

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-

Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

12/15/2016 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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