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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><u>Thomsen Jillian B.</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS</u><br><u>455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>SAN FRANCISCO CA 94158</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>SVP &amp; Chief Accounting Officer</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>04/16/2018</u>              |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |   |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price                   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 04/16/2018                           |  | M                              |   | 13,881  | A          | \$10.69                 | 82,738 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 04/16/2018                           |  | S                              |   | 13,881  | D          | \$101.46 <sup>(3)</sup> | 68,857 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 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) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)    | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup>                | \$10.69  | 04/16/2018                           |  | M                              |   |  | 13,881 | 02/08/2015   | 02/07/2019      | Common Stock  | 13,881                                     | \$0.00   | 16,119  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This transaction was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- This number includes 988 shares held by the reporting person in the Issuer's 401(K) plan and 3,703 shares held by the reporting person in the Issuer's ESPP plan. The acquisition of these shares under both plans is exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$100.21 to \$101.72. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the transactions were effected upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

**Remarks:**

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact      04/18/2018

\*\* 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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