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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Kopczynski Casey C.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400</u> (Street) <u>DURHAM NC 27703</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC [AERI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Scientific Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/09/2018</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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/09/2018		M		3,251	A	\$0.395	139,768	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2018		F		25	D	\$52.55	139,743	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2018		S		3,208	D	\$52.9936 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	136,535	D	
Common Stock	11/01/2018		S		7,792	D	\$54.2245 ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	128,743	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$0.395	02/09/2018		M			3,251	(4)	02/19/2018	Common Stock	3,251	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The reporting person undertakes to provide the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes 2 and 3 to this Form 4.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions pursuant to the reporting person's Rule 10b5-1 plan at prices ranging from \$52.61 to \$53.58, inclusive.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions pursuant to the reporting person's Rule 10b5-1 plan at prices ranging from \$53.90 to \$54.48, inclusive.
- This option is fully vested and exercisable.

Remarks:

/s/ Richard J. Rubino,
Attorney-in-Fact for Casey C. Kopczynski 11/02/2018

** 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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