ANIDO VICENTE JR

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1(b).

C/O AERIE

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ANIDO VICENTE JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC

[AERI]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

02/08/2018

(Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner

Chief Executive Officer

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Stock

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

112,478

Code V Common 02/08/2018

(D) Price Amount 25,413 \$ 0 (1)

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 orDerivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 53.55	02/08/2018		A	114,358		<u>(2)</u>	02/08/2028	Common Stock	114,358

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ANIDO VICENTE JR C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 4301 EMPEROR BLVD., SUITE 400 DURHAM, NC 27703	X		Chief Executive Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Rubino, Attorney-in-Fact for Vicente
Anido, Jr.

02/12/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) These shares of Common Stock are scheduled to vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer through the applicable vesting date, in equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of February 8, 2018.
- (2) This option is scheduled to vest, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the issuer through the applicable vesting date, in equal installments on each of the first 48 monthly anniversaries of February 8, 2018.

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