

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â GRYSKA DAVID W</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AERIE                  PHARMACEUTICALS,                  INC.,Â 135 U.S. HIGHWAY                  206, SUITE 15</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BEDMINSTER,Â NJÂ 07921</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/25/2013</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC [AERI]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director    <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer    <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	03/29/2022	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 1.4705	D	Â
Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	09/12/2023	Common Stock	24,000	\$ 3.15	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRYSKA DAVID W C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 135 U.S. HIGHWAY 206, SUITE 15 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Rubino, Attorney-in-Fact for David W. Gryska  
 10/25/2013  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- This option was granted on March 29, 2012 and is currently vested and exercisable with respect to 11,670 shares underlying the option.
- (1) The remaining shares underlying the unvested portion of the option will vest in equal installments on each quarterly anniversary of the date of grant such that the option will be fully vested on March 28, 2015.
- This option was granted on September 12, 2013 and is currently vested and exercisable with respect to 667 shares underlying the option.
- (2) The remaining shares underlying the unvested portion of the option will vest in equal installments on each monthly anniversary of the date of grant such that the option will be fully vested on September 12, 2016.

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