

AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Kopczynski Casey C.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 [AERI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/30/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Scientific Officer

C/O AERIE  
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 135  
 U.S. HIGHWAY 206, SUITE 15

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount (D) Price  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/30/2013                           |  | C <sup>(1)</sup>               | 18,651 A  | 161,891   | 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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |                            |
| Warrant (right to buy)                     | \$ 5 (2)   | 10/30/2013                           |  | C(2)                           | 3,000   | (2)  | 08/27/2020      | Common Stock  | 3,000                      |
| Series A-4 Preferred Stock                 | (1)  | 10/30/2013                           |  | C(1)                           | 18,651  | (1)  | (1)             | Common Stock  | 18,651                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Kopczynski Casey C.<br>C/O AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.<br>135 U.S. HIGHWAY 206, SUITE 15<br>BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921 |               |           | Chief Scientific Officer |       |

## Signatures

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

11/01/2013

\_\_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) Upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 93,256 shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock were automatically converted into 18,651 shares of Common Stock, which reflects a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of the issuer's Common Stock effected on October 8, 2013. Prior to the conversion, the shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock had no expiration date.

(2) Upon the closing of the issuer's initial public offering pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, a warrant to purchase 15,000 shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock with an exercise price of \$1.00 per share was automatically converted into this warrant to purchase 3,000 shares of Common Stock with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share, which reflects a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of the issuer's Common Stock effected on October 8, 2013. This warrant is immediately exercisable.

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