## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MacFarlane Katie					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc. [ RSPI ]						(Che	elationship eck all appli Directo	cable)	( )	erson(s) to Issuer	
	SPIRERX	PHARMACEU	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2017							Officer below)	(give title	Other (specify below)		
126 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C				4. If A	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) GLEN ROCK NJ 07452											- 1	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)																
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned															
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Date	Date (Month/Day/Year) i		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities A (A) or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 and		posed Of (	D) Secu Bene Own	ecurities eneficially wned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Repo		(Instr. 4)	(111511.4)		
		Tab	le II - Derivati (e.g., ρι					uired, Dis , options,				y Owned	t			
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,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 a	g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		(I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$3.9	01/18/2017		A		25,000		(1)	01/18/2022	Common Stock	25,000	\$0	25,000	D		
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$7.3775 <sup>(2)</sup>							(3)	03/31/2021	Common Stock	30,770		30,770 <sup>(2)</sup>	D		
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$6.396 <sup>(2)</sup>							(4)	08/18/2022	Common Stock	9,231		9,231 <sup>(2)</sup>	D		
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$8.125 <sup>(2)</sup>							(5)	06/30/2022	Common Stock	6,154		6,154 <sup>(2)</sup>	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These Common Stock Options vest in three installments: 25 percent on January 18, 2017 (the grant date), 25 percent on March 31, 2017, and 50 percent on June 30, 2017.
- 2. The exercise price and number of shares of these securities have been adjusted to reflect the Company's 325-to-1 reverse stock split effective September 1, 2016.
- 3. These Common Stock Options vested in four equal installments: 25 percent on March 31, 2016 (the grant date), 25 percent on June 30, 2016, 25 percent on September 30, 2016, and 25 percent on December 31, 2016.
- 4. These Common Stock Options vested in four equal installments: 25 percent on December 31, 2015, 25 percent on March 31, 2016, 25 percent on June 30, 2016, and 25 percent on September 30, 2016.
- $5.\ The\ Common\ Stock\ Options\ vested\ in\ three\ installments:\ 50\ percent\ on\ June\ 30,\ 2015,\ 25\ percent\ on\ September\ 30,\ 2015,\ and\ 25\ percent\ on\ December\ 31,\ 2015.$

/s/ Kathryn MacFarlane 01/20/2017

\*\* 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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