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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Sullivan Timothy Eugene | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [APLS] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APELLIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC 100 FIFTH AVENUE. | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2023 | | | | | | | | X Officer below) | give title | | Other (s below) | | | |
| | | | | | _ 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
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| (City) | (S | itate) | (Zip) | | - | Person | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tak | ole I - No | n-Deriv | vativ | e Se | curities | s Acq | uired, | Dis | posed o | f, or Be | neficial | ly Owned | ı | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Trans Date (Month/ | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | e, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | Benefici Owned I | es ally Following | Form (D) o | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o | r Price | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 0 | | | 02/2 | 1/202 | /2023 | | | A | | 11,683(1) | | \$0.0 | 0 134,919 | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 02/2 | | | 1/202 | /2023 | | | F | | 974 ⁽²⁾ D | | \$58. | 5 133 | 133,945 | | D | | | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | osed of, onvertil | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/\) | Date, Trans Code | | | 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | of Securit | g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e Co s F llly O o (I | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisab | ole [| Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$35.46 | 02/21/2023 | | | A | | 16,572 | | (3) | (| 01/20/2032 | Common | 16,572 | \$0.00 | 16,57 | 2 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Reporting Person was granted performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSUs") on January 21, 2022, the vesting of which was subject to the attainment of each of the following events: (i) the submission of a new drug application ("NDA") for intravitreal pegeetacoplan with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") for the treatment of geographic atrophy secondary to age-related macular degeneration in the second quarter of 2022; (ii) the acceptance of such NDA with priority review by the FDA; and (iii) receipt of approval of the NDA by the FDA by March 15, 2023 (collectively, the "2022 Performance Condition"). On February 21, 2023, the Compensation Committee determined that the 2022 Performance Condition had been achieved, resulting in the vesting of 2,920 shares of common stock, representing 25% of the shares underlying the PRSUs. The remaining shares underlying the PRSUs vest as to 25% on each anniversary of the grant date thereafter, subject to continued service.
- 2. Represents shares withheld by the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of PRSUs.
- 3. The Reporting Person was granted performance-based stock options on January 21, 2022, the vesting of which was subject to the attainment of the 2022 Performance Condition. On February 21, 2023, the Compensation Committee determined that the 2022 Performance Condition had been achieved, resulting in the vesting of 25% of the shares underlying the option. The remaining shares underlying the option vest in equal monthly installments thereafter through the fourth anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued service.

Remarks:

Buy)

/s/ David Watson, attorney-infact for Timothy Sullivan

02/21/2023

** 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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