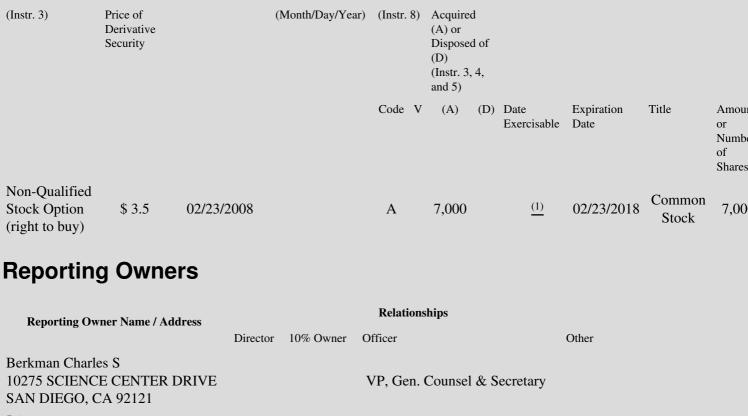
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(Print or Type I	Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Berkman Charles S			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)		of Earliest T Day/Year) 2008	Transaction		Director X Officer (give below)	ve title Oth below)	% Owner her (specify	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securitie
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)



## **Signatures**

By: John P. Sharp For: Charles S. 01/27/2009 Berkman

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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).

Date

(1) Grant to reporting person of options are immediately exercisable. The date of grant is 02/23/08.

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