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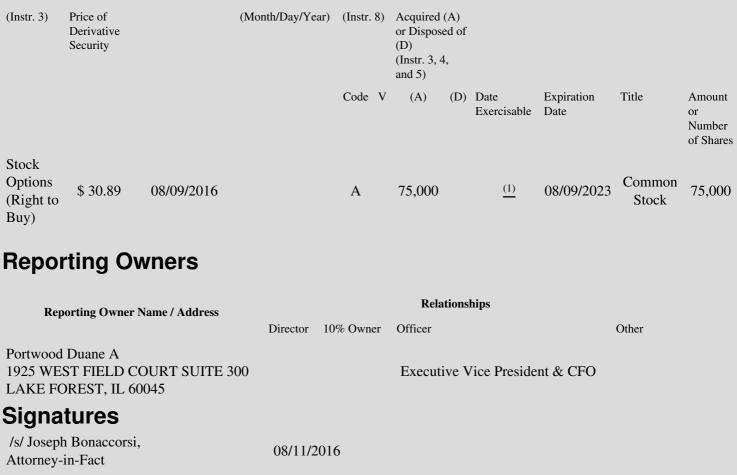
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August 11, 2016 FORM 4 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940									-	PPROVAL 3235-0287	
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(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Portwood Duane A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AKORN INC [AKRX]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1925 WEST FIELD COURT SUITE 300			 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/09/2016 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 					(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u></u> Officer (give title <u></u> Other (specify below) Executive Vice President & CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
LAKE FOF	REST, IL 60045							Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) and and a (A) or)	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 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 of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	D
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	S

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**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) The Stock Options vest in four equal installments on August 9, 2017, August 9, 2018, August 9, 2019 and August 9, 2020.

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