Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GERAGHTY JAMES A				<u>P1</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [ PIRS ]						(Ch	telationship ( eck all applic X Directo	cable) r	g Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow		
	RIS PHARI	MACEUTICALS	(Middle) S, INC.		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2019							Officer below)	(give title		Other (sp below)	pecify	
255 STATE STREET 9TH FLOOR				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) BOSTON	N M	A	02109	_								X Form f	led by One led by More		•		
(City)	(Si	ate)	(Zip)														
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) 5)			ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and	Beneficia	es Form ally (D) of Following (I) (II		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)			1150. 4)	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	erivative   Conversion   Date   Execution Date,   Tecurity   or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any   Conversion   Conver			ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (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						
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.74	01/25/2019		A		25,000		(1)	01/25/2029	Common Stock	25,000	\$0.00	25,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The stock option will vest as to 100% of the underlying shares on January 25, 2020, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through the vesting date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Marc Mantell, Attorney-in-01/29/2019 **fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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