FORM 4

## 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 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GERAGHTY JAMES A  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PIERIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [ PIRS ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/25/2021									k all applic Directo	or (give title		10% Ov Other (s below)	vner
255 STATE STREET 9TH FLOOR  (Street)  BOSTON MA 02109					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting							
(City)	(S	-	(Zip) ole I - Non	-Deriva	ative	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired.	Dis	posed o	of, or Be	enefici	ially	Person				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				action	ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transa Code (	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3. Code (Instr. 5)		red (A) o	or 5. Amou 4 and Securiti Benefic		nt of s ally following	Form (D) o	o. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		ate, Ti	ransac ode (li	ansaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		ive ies ed ed nstr.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		S	e. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4	06/25/2021			A		45,000		(1)	C	06/25/2031	Common Stock	45,00	00	\$0.00	45,000	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The stock option will vest as to 100% of the underlying shares on the date of the Company's 2022 annual stockholders meeting, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service as a director through the vesting date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Marc Mantell, Attorney-infact

06/29/2021

\*\* 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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