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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Reikes Peter N</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O IONIS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>2855 GAZELLE COURT</u>  (Street) <u>CARLSBAD CA 92010</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IONIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ IONS ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/15/2020</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/15/2020	10/15/2020	M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,778 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	5,334	D	

**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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and 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
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	10/15/2020	10/15/2020	M			1,778	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,778	\$0	3,554	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Acquired pursuant to vesting and release of shares pursuant to Restricted Stock Unit awards.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Ionis common stock, or its equivalent cash value.
- These Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments. Upon vesting, the Restricted Stock Units will be paid out in whole shares of Ionis common stock or cash as may be determined by the Company.

**Remarks:**

/s/Patrick R. O'Neil, attorney-in-fact 10/19/2020

\*\* 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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