UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2022

AXOGEN, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Minnesota (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) **001-36046** (Commission File Number) 41-1301878 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

13631 Progress Boulevard, Suite 400 Alachua, Florida (Address of principal executive offices) 32615 (Zip Code)

(386) 462-6800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e- 4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of exchange on which registered	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	AXGN	The Nasdaq Stock Market	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company []

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 29, 2022, Quentin S. Blackford notified Axogen, Inc. (the "Company") of his decision to resign as a member of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), including as a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee, effective as of 11:59 PM EST on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. In recognition of the contributions made by Mr. Blackford as a director of the Company, the Board, prior to the resignation becoming effective, accelerated the vesting of all outstanding and unvested restricted stock units and options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock previously awarded to Mr. Blackford. Mr. Blackford's decision to resign was not associated with or attributable to any dispute or disagreement with the Company, its management or the Board on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices, or otherwise.

To fill the vacancies on the Board committees created by Mr. Blackford's departure, the Board has, in each case, effective as of March 30, 2022 (i) appointed John H. Johnson to serve on the Audit Committee as its chair, and (ii) appointed Alan M. Levine to serve on the Compensation Committee.

On March 16, 2022, the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Committee") granted performance-based restricted stock unit awards ("PSUs") under the Company's Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2019 Plan") to a number of its employees and executive officers, including, Karen Zaderej, Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board; Peter J. Mariani, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Eric Sandberg, Chief Commercial Officer; Maria D. Martinez, Chief Human Resources Officer and Angelo G. Scopelianos, Ph.D., Chief Research and Development Officer (such enumerated executives, collectively, the "Executives"). The number of PSUs that will be eligible to satisfy the performance-based requirement for each executive will be based on the level of achievement of the performance during each of the three-year performance period consisting of the 2022 through 2024 calendar years, with 33.33% of the target number of PSUs allocated to growth, 100% of the PSUs for achievement at target revenue growth and 150% of the PSUs for achievement at threshold revenue growth. The PSUs are eligible for catchievement of certain targets over the full three-year performance period.

In addition, on March 16, 2022, the Committee granted restricted stock units ("RSUs") to a number of its employees, including the Executives. The grants were made pursuant to the 2019 Plan and a Restricted Stock Units Notice and Restricted Stock Units Agreement.

Also, on March 16, 2022, the Committee granted stock options ("Options") to a number of its employees, including the Executives. The grants were made pursuant to the 2019 Plan and a Form of Incentive Stock Option Notice and Incentive Stock Option Agreement, or a Form of Premium Incentive Stock Option Notice and Premium Incentive Stock Option Notice Agreement, as applicable. The Options awarded to Ms. Zaderej, Mr. Mariani and Mr. Sandberg were granted pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Form of Premium Incentive Stock Option Notice and Premium Incentive Stock Option Notice Agreement pursuant to which the exercise price of the award was 25% higher than the fair market value of the Company's stock price on the date of grant. The remaining Executives were awarded Options pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Form of Incentive Stock Option Notice and Incentive Stock Option Agreement.

The number of PSU awards, RSUs and Options granted to each of the Executives were as follows:

Executive	Target PSU Award	Number of RSUs	Number of Options
Karen Zaderej	89,467	169,694	317,185
Peter J. Mariani	60,000	76,780	103,079
Eric Sandberg	40,000	62,910	60,576
Maria D. Martinez	25,000	32,536	30,348
Angelo G. Scopelianos	25,000	42,563	39,700

The RSUs and Options awarded to each of the Executives were previously reported on Form 4s filed by each of the Executives on March 18, 2022.

The summary of the terms and conditions of the PSUs set forth above does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the 2019 Plan previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Form of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units Notice and Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1. The summary of the terms and conditions of the RSUs set forth above does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the 2019 Plan previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Form of Restricted Stock Units Notice and Is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the 2019 Plan previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Form of Restricted Stock Units Notice and Is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the 2019 Plan previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Form of Incentive Stock Option Notice and Incentive Stock Option Notice and Pereminum Incent

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Form of Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units Notice and Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units Agreement under the Axogen. Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
10.2	Form of Restricted Stock Units Notice and Restricted Stock Units Agreement under the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long- Term Incentive Plan.
10.3	Form of Incentive Stock Option Notice and Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
10.4	Form of Premium Incentive Stock Option Notice and Premium Incentive Stock Option Notice Agreement under the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AXOGEN, INC.

Date: April 1, 2022

By: /s/ Bradley L. Ottinger

Bradley L. Ottinger General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer

AXOGEN, INC.

PERFORMANCE-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS NOTICE UNDER THE AXOGEN, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2019 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

Name of Grantee:

This Notice evidences the award of performance-based restricted stock units (each, an "PSU," and collectively, the "PSUs") of Axogen, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (the "Company"), that have been granted to you pursuant to the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and conditioned upon your agreement to the terms of the attached Restricted Stock Units Agreement (the "Agreement"). This Notice constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of the Agreement and the Plan, which are incorporated by reference herein. Each PSU is equivalent in value to one share of the Company's Common Stock and represents the Company's commitment to issue one share of the Company's Common Stock at a future date, subject to the terms of the Agreement and the Plan. The PSUs are credited to a separate account maintained for you on the books and records of the Company (the "Account"). All amounts credited to the Account will continue for all purposes to be part of the general assets of the Company.

Grant Date: [, 2022]

Performance Period: Set forth on Exhibit A

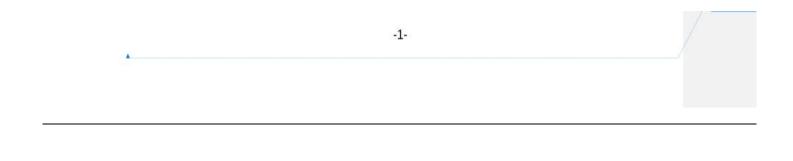
Target Number of PSUs: []

<u>Performance-Based PSUs</u>: The Target Number of PSUs stated above reflects the target number of PSUs that may vest pursuant to this Notice and the Agreement. The number of Restricted Stock Units ultimately paid out to you will range from 0% to 150% of the Target Number of PSUs as determined (i) by the formulas and terms contained on the attached <u>Exhibit A</u> and (ii) based upon the Company's achievement of certain performance goals during the applicable performance measurement period described below under "Performance-Based Vesting Schedule" occurring during the Performance Period (the "Performance Goals").

<u>Performance-Based Vesting Schedule</u>: All of the PSUs are nonvested and forfeitable as of the Grant Date. 33.33% of the Target Number of PSUs (each a "Tranche") will be eligible to vest with respect to each of the three (3) calendar years of the Company occurring during the Performance Period (each, a "Calendar Year") in accordance with the formulas and terms set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u>, (i) subject to the achievement of the Performance Goals as set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u> and as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion and (ii) and provided that your Service (as defined in the Agreement) is continuous from the Grant Date through the Certification Date applicable to the Calendar Year for which the Tranche of PSUs is eligible to vest, except as otherwise set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u> or in the Agreement.

"Certification Date" means the date on which the Committee certifies whether the Performance Goals for (i) a particular Calendar Year during the Performance Period or (ii) the full Performance Period have been met. The Certification Date with respect to each Calendar Year occurring during the Performance Period and the Performance Period as a whole will be no earlier than January 1st and no later than March 15th of the calendar year following the end of the applicable Calendar Year or Performance Period.

<u>Vesting Upon Termination of Service</u>: The following shall apply if your Service terminates during the Performance Period:



- (i) Upon the termination of your Service during the Performance Period for any reason other than for Cause, due to your death or Disability or due to your Qualified Retirement that satisfies the requirements of Section 4 of the Agreement, :
 - a. <u>you will</u> remain eligible to vest in the Tranche of the Target Number of PSUs allocated to any Calendar Year that ended prior to the date of your termination of Service, with such vesting determined in accordance with the terms set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u>, and such PSUs will remain outstanding until the end of the Performance Period to reflect such vesting, and
 - b. <u>you will not</u> remain eligible to vest in any Tranche of the Target Number of PSUs that is allocated to the Calendar Year in which such termination of Service occurs or any subsequent Calendar Year during the Performance Period.
- (ii) Upon the termination of your Service during the performance Period for Cause or due to your death or Disability, none of the Target Number of PSUs will be eligible to vest during the Performance Period.
- (iii) Upon termination of your Service during the Performance Period due to a Qualified Retirement that satisfies the requirements of Section 4 of the Agreement, the PSUs will be subject to the terms of Section 4 of the Agreement.

In addition, you hereby agree that, notwithstanding the terms of any employment agreement, employment offer letter, severance agreement or other severance arrangements between you and the Company or any of its Affiliates (each, a "Severance Arrangement"), the PSUs shall not be subject to any additional acceleration of vesting pursuant to the terms of any Severance Arrangement or any subsequent severance plan or arrangement adopted by or implemented by the Company or any of its Affiliates or any of their successors.

<u>Vesting Upon a Change in Control</u>: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Notice or the Agreement, if you remain in continuous Service until the closing of a Change in Control:

- (i) the Tranche of the Target Number of PSUs eligible to vest with respect to any Calendar Year during the Performance Period ending before the closing of the Change in Control will vest based on actual performance for the applicable Calendar Year as determined in accordance with <u>Exhibit A</u>, effective as of immediately prior to the closing of the Change in Control, and
- (ii) 100% of the PSUs subject to the Tranche of the Target Number of PSUs eligible to vest with respect to the Calendar Year in which the closing of the Change in Control occurs and any subsequent Calendar Years remaining in the Performance Period will vest at target, effective as of immediately prior to the closing of the Change in Control.

Axogen, Inc.

Date

I acknowledge that I have carefully read the Agreement and the prospectus for the Plan. I agree to be bound by all of the provisions set forth in those documents. I also consent to electronic delivery of all notices or other information with respect to the PSUs or the Company.

Signature of Grantee

Date

AXOGEN, INC.

PERFORMANCE-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS AGREEMENT UNDER THE AXOGEN, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2019 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

1. <u>Terminology</u>. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, capitalized terms used herein are defined in the Glossary at the end of this Agreement.

2. <u>Vesting</u>. All of the PSUs are nonvested and forfeitable as of the Grant Date. The PSUs will become vested and nonforfeitable in accordance with the vesting terms and conditions set forth in the Notice. Except for the circumstances, if any, described in the Notice, or as otherwise provided in Section 4 below, none of the PSUs will become vested and nonforfeitable after your Service ceases. Any PSUs that do not satisfy the Performance Goals during the Performance Period, unless forfeited earlier, will be forfeited immediately upon the Certification Date for the full Performance Period upon which the Committee determines that such Performance Goals have not been achieved.

3. <u>Termination of Service</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Section 4 below, or as otherwise provided in the Notice, if your Service with the Company ceases for any reason, all PSUs that are not then vested and nonforfeitable will be forfeited to the Company immediately and automatically upon such cessation without payment of any consideration therefor and you will have no further right, title or interest in or to such PSUs or the underlying shares of Common Stock.

Qualified Retirement. If your title with the Company as of the Grant Date of the PSUs is 4. Vice President or above, in the event your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Oualified Retirement during the Performance Period, and such Qualified Retirement occurs on a date that is at least six (6) months following the Grant Date, (i) if you have at least ten (10) years of continuous Service but less than fifteen (15) years of continuous Service as of the date of your Qualified Retirement, then the Target Number of PSUs will continue to be eligible to become vested and nonforfeitable based on actual performance in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in the Notice; provided, that the Target Number of PSUs that are eligible to vest shall be pro-rated based on the number of days of your Service in the Performance Period (and for the avoidance of doubt, any pro-rated amount for a partial Calendar Year during which the Qualified Retirement occurs will be eligible to vest based on actual performance for such Calendar Year), and (ii) if you have at least fifteen (15) years of continuous Services as of the date of your Qualified Retirement, then the full Target Number of PSUs will continue to be eligible to become vested and nonforfeitable during the Performance Period based on actual performance in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in the Notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all vesting shall cease and any remaining PSUs that are not then vested and nonforfeitable will be forfeited to the Company immediately and automatically upon your death.

5. <u>Restrictions on Transfer</u>. To the extent permitted under Section 9(b) of the Plan, neither this Agreement nor any of the PSUs may be assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or disposed of in any way, whether by operation of law or otherwise, and the PSUs shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. All rights with respect to this Agreement and the PSUs shall be exercisable during your lifetime only by you or your guardian or legal representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the PSUs, to the extent outstanding, may be transferred upon your death by last will and testament or under the laws of descent and distribution.

6. Settlement of PSUs.

(a) <u>Manner of Settlement</u>. You are not required to make any monetary payment (other than applicable tax withholding, if required) as a condition to settlement of the PSUs. The Company will issue to you, in settlement of your PSUs and subject to the provisions of Section 7 below, the number of whole shares of Common Stock that equals the number of whole PSUs that become vested, and such -1-

of such shares, the Company will determine the form of delivery (e.g., a stock certificate or electronic entry evidencing such shares) and may deliver such shares on your behalf electronically to the Company's designated stock plan administrator or such other broker-dealer as the Company may choose at its sole discretion, within reason.

Timing of Settlement. Your PSUs, to the extent vested, will be settled by the (b) Company, via the issuance of Common Stock as described herein, during the Calendar Year immediately following the end of the Performance Period, within the first ninety (90) days of such Calendar Year (the "Issuance Date"). In no event will you be permitted, directly or indirectly, to designate the Issuance Date. However, if a scheduled Issuance Date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday, such Issuance Date shall instead fall on the next following day that the principal executive offices of the Company are open for business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that (i) you are subject to the Company's policy permitting officers and directors to sell shares only during certain "window" periods, in effect from time to time or you are otherwise prohibited from selling shares of the Company's Common Stock in the public market and any shares covered by your PSUs are scheduled to be issued on a day (the "Original Distribution Date") that does not occur during an open "window period" applicable to you, as determined by the Company in accordance with such policy, or does not occur on a date when you are otherwise permitted to sell shares of the Company's Common Stock in the open market, and (ii) the Company elects not to satisfy its tax withholding obligations by withholding shares from your distribution, then, solely to the extent permitted by Section 409A (as defined below), such shares shall not be issued and delivered on such Original Distribution Date and shall instead be issued and delivered on the first business day of the next occurring open "window period" applicable to you pursuant to such policy (regardless of whether you are still providing continuous services at such time) or the next business day when you are not prohibited from selling shares of the Company's Common Stock in the open market, but in no event later than December 31st of the calendar year in which the Issuance Date occurs.

Tax Withholding. On or before the time you receive a distribution of the shares subject to 7. your PSUs, or at any time thereafter as requested by the Company, you hereby authorize any required withholding from the Common Stock issuable to you and/or otherwise agree to make adequate provision in cash for any sums required to satisfy the federal, state, local and foreign tax withholding obligations of the Company or any Affiliate which arise in connection with your PSUs (the "Withholding Taxes"). Additionally, the Company may, in its sole discretion, satisfy all or any portion of the Withholding Taxes obligation relating to your PSUs by any of the following means or by a combination of such means: (i) withholding from any compensation otherwise payable to you by the Company; (ii) causing you to tender a cash payment; (iii) permitting you to enter into a "same day sale" commitment with a broker-dealer that is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (a "FINRA Dealer") whereby you irrevocably elect to sell a portion of the shares to be delivered under the Agreement to satisfy the Withholding Taxes and whereby the FINRA Dealer irrevocably commits to forward the proceeds necessary to satisfy the Withholding Taxes directly to the Company; or (iv) withholding shares of Common Stock from the shares of Common Stock issued or otherwise issuable to you in connection with the PSUs with a Fair Market Value (measured as of the date shares of Common Stock are issued to you pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement) equal to the amount of such Withholding Taxes; provided, however, that the number of such shares of Common Stock so withheld shall not exceed, by more than the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock, the amount necessary to satisfy the Company's required tax withholding obligations using the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign tax purposes, including payroll taxes, that are applicable to supplemental taxable income. Unless the tax withholding obligations of the Company and/or any Affiliate are satisfied, the Company shall have no obligation to deliver to you any Common Stock. In the event the Company's obligation to withhold arises prior to the delivery to you of Common Stock or it is determined after the delivery of Common Stock to you that the amount of the Company's withholding obligation was greater than the amount withheld by the Company, you agree to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any failure by the Company to withhold the proper amount.

Adjustments for Corporate Transactions and Other Events.

STOCK Split of reverse stock split affecting, the Common Stock, the number of outstanding PSUs shall,

without further action of the Administrator, be adjusted to reflect such event; provided, however, that any fractional PSUs resulting from any such adjustment shall be eliminated. Adjustments under this paragraph will be made by the Administrator, whose determination as to what adjustments, if any, will be made and the extent thereof will be final, binding and conclusive.

(b) Merger, Consolidation and Other Events. If the Company shall be the surviving or resulting corporation in any merger or consolidation and the Common Stock shall be converted into other securities, the PSUs shall pertain to and apply to the securities to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock subject to the PSUs would have been entitled. If the stockholders of the Company receive by reason of any distribution in total or partial liquidation or pursuant to any merger of the Company or acquisition of its assets, securities of another entity or other property (including cash), then the rights of the Company under this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the Company's successor, and this Agreement shall apply to the securities or other property (including cash) to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock subject to the PSUs would have been entitled, in the same manner and to the same extent as the PSUs.

9. <u>Non-Guarantee of Employment or Service Relationship</u>. Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement shall alter your at-will or other employment status or other service relationship with the Company, nor be construed as a contract of employment or service relationship between the Company and you, or as a contractual right of you to continue in the employ of, or in a service relationship with, the Company for any period of time, or as a limitation of the right of the Company to discharge you at any time with or without cause or notice and whether or not such discharge results in the forfeiture of any nonvested and forfeitable PSUs or any other adverse effect on your interests under the Plan.

10. <u>Rights as Stockholder</u>. You shall not have any of the rights of a stockholder with respect to any shares of Common Stock that may be issued in settlement of the PSUs until such shares of Common Stock have been issued to you. No adjustment shall be made for dividends, distributions, or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such shares are issued, except as provided in Section 10 of the Plan and Section 6 of this Agreement.

11. <u>The Company's Rights</u>. The existence of the PSUs shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to make or authorize any or all adjustments, recapitalizations, reorganizations, or other changes in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any merger or consolidation of the Company, or any issue of bonds, debentures, preferred or other stocks with preference ahead of or convertible into, or otherwise affecting the Common Stock or the rights thereof, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of the Company's assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.

12. <u>Restrictions on Issuance of Shares</u>. The issuance of shares of Common Stock upon settlement of the PSUs shall be subject to and in compliance with all applicable requirements of federal, state, or foreign law with respect to such securities. No shares of Common Stock may be issued hereunder if the issuance of such shares would constitute a violation of any applicable federal, state, or foreign securities laws or other law or regulations or the requirements of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Common Stock may then be listed. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company's legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance of any shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the settlement of the PSUs, the Company may require you to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate, to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation, and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

 <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>. You hereby agree to the following restrictive covenants as consideration of the grant of the PSUs:

(a) You hereby agree and acknowledge that the grant of the PSUs is conditioned upon your continued compliance with any and all confidentiality, non-compete and/or non-solicitation covenants and restrictions contained in any separate agreement between you and the Company, and if you breach any of such covenants or restrictions, upon written notice delivered to you: (i) the entirety of the Company's obligations under this Agreement and the Plan shall terminate in their entirety, (ii) all PSUs that are not then vested and nonforfeitable will be forfeited to the Company immediately and automatically, and (iii) you shall have no further rights or privileges under this Agreement or the Plan

14. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications made or given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given upon receipt or, in the case of notices delivered by the Company to you, five (5) days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to you at the last address you provided to the Company, or in the case of notices delivered to the Company by you, addressed to the Administrator, care of the Company for the attention of its Secretary at its principal executive office or, in either case, if the receiving party consents in advance, transmitted and received via telecopy or via such other electronic transmission mechanism as may be available to the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may, in its sole discretion, decide to deliver any documents related to participation in the Plan and this award of PSUs by electronic means. You hereby consent to receive such documents by electronic delivery and, if requested, to agree to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or another third party designated by the Company.

15. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, together with the relevant Notice and the Plan, contain the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the PSUs granted hereunder. Any oral or written agreements, representations, warranties, written inducements, or other communications made prior to the execution of this Agreement with respect to the PSUs granted hereunder shall be void and ineffective for all purposes.

16. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended from time to time by the Administrator in its discretion; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this Agreement may not be modified in a manner that would have a materially adverse effect on the PSUs as determined in the discretion of the Administrator, except as provided in the Plan or in a written document signed by each of the parties hereto.

409A Savings Clause. This Agreement and the PSUs granted hereunder are intended to 17. be exempt from or comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and the regulations and IRS guidance promulgated thereunder ("Section 409A"). In administering this Agreement, the Company shall interpret this Agreement in a manner consistent with Section 409A. To the extent necessary to comply with Section 409A, if you are a "Specified Employee" (within the meaning set forth Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code) as of the date of your separation from service (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h)), then the issuance of any shares that would otherwise be made upon the date of the separation from service or within the first six (6) months thereafter will not be made on the originally scheduled date(s) and will instead be issued in a lump sum on the date that is six (6) months and one day after the date of the separation from service, but if and only if such delay in the issuance of the shares is necessary to avoid the imposition of additional taxation on you in respect of the shares under Section 409A of the Code. Each installment of shares that vests is intended to constitute a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A and Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2). For purposes of Section 409A. the payment of dividend equivalents under this Agreement, if any, shall be construed as earnings and the time and form of payment of such dividend equivalents shall be treated separately from the time and form of payment of the underlying PSUs.

18. <u>No Obligation to Minimize Taxes</u>. The Company has no duty or obligation to minimize the tax consequences to you of this award of PSUs and shall not be liable to you for any adverse tax consequences to you arising in connection with this award. You are hereby advised to consult with your own personal tax, financial and/or legal advisors regarding the tax consequences of this award and by signing the Notice, you have agreed that you have done so or knowingly and voluntarily declined to do so.

19. <u>Conformity with Plan</u>. This Agreement is intended to conform in all respects with, and is subject to all applicable provisions of, the Plan. Inconsistencies between this Agreement and the Plan shall be resolved in accordance with the terms of the Plan. In the event of any ambiguity in this Agreement or any matters as to which this Agreement is silent, the Plan shall govern. A copy of the Plan is available upon request to the Administrator.

20. <u>No Funding</u>. This Agreement constitutes an unfunded and unsecured promise by the Company to issue shares of Common Stock in the future in accordance with its terms. You have the status of a general unsecured creditor of the Company as a result of receiving the grant of PSUs.

21. Effect on Other Employee Benefit Plans. The value of the PSUs subject to this Agreement shall not be included as compensation, earnings, salaries, or other similar terms used when calculating your benefits under any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company or any Affiliate, except as such plan otherwise expressly provides. The Company expressly reserves its rights to amend, modify, or terminate any of the Company's or any Affiliate's employee benefit plans.

22. <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, construction and effect of this Agreement, and of any determinations or decisions made by the Administrator relating to this Agreement, and the rights of any and all persons having or claiming to have any interest under this Agreement, shall be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota, without regard to its provisions concerning the applicability of laws of other jurisdictions. As a condition of this Agreement, you agree that you will not bring any action arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement in any court other than a federal or state court in the districts which include New Jersey, and you hereby agree and submit to the personal jurisdiction of any federal court located in the district which includes New Jersey or any state court in the district which includes New Jersey. You further agree that you will not deny or attempt to defeat such personal jurisdiction or object to venue by motion or other request for leave from any such court.

23. <u>Resolution of Disputes</u>. Any dispute or disagreement which shall arise under, or as a result of, or pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement shall be determined by the Administrator in good faith in its absolute and uncontrolled discretion, and any such determination or any other determination by the Administrator under or pursuant to this Agreement and any interpretation by the Administrator of the terms of this Agreement, will be final, binding and conclusive on all persons affected thereby. You agree that before you may bring any legal action arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement you will first exhaust your administrative remedies before the Administrator. You further agree that in the event that the Administrator does not resolve any dispute or disagreement arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement to your satisfaction, no legal action may be commenced or maintained relating to this Agreement more than twenty-four (24) months after the Administrator's decision.

24. <u>Headings</u>. The headings in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

25. <u>Electronic Delivery of Documents</u>. By your signing the Notice, you (i) consent to the electronic delivery of this Agreement, all information with respect to the Plan and the PSUs, and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders; (ii) acknowledge that you may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents delivered electronically at no cost to you by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing; (iii) further acknowledge that you may revoke your consent to the electronic delivery of documents at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent by telephone, postal service or electronic mail; and (iv) further acknowledge that you understand that you are not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents.

26. <u>No Future Entitlement</u>. By your signing the Notice, you acknowledge and agree that: (i) the grant of a restricted stock unit award is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of restricted stock units, or compensation in lieu of restricted stock units, even if restricted stock units have been granted repeatedly in the past; (ii) all determinations with respect to any such future grants and the terms thereof will be at the sole discretion of the Committee; (iii) the value of the

restricted stock units is an extraordinary item of compensation which is outside the scope of your

employment contract, if any; (iv) the value of the restricted stock units is not part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purpose, including, but not limited to, calculating any termination, severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service payments or similar payments, or bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits; (v) the vesting of the restricted stock units ceases upon termination of Service with the Company or transfer of employment from the Company, or other cessation of eligibility for any reason, except as may otherwise be explicitly provided in this Agreement; (vi) the Company does not guarantee any future value of the restricted stock units; and (vii) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages arises if the restricted stock units decrease or do not increase in value and you irrevocably release the Company from any such claim that does arise.

27. Personal Data. For purposes of the implementation, administration and management of the restricted stock units or the effectuation of any acquisition, equity or debt financing, joint venture, merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization, business combination, liquidation, dissolution, share exchange, sale of stock, sale of material assets or other similar corporate transaction involving the Company (a "Corporate Transaction"), you consent, by execution of the Notice, to the collection, receipt, use, retention and transfer, in electronic or other form, of your personal data by and among the Company and its third party vendors or any potential party to a potential Corporate Transaction. You understand that personal data (including but not limited to, name, home address, telephone number, employee number, employment status, social security number, tax identification number, date of birth, nationality, job and payroll location, data for tax withholding purposes and shares awarded, cancelled, vested and unvested) may be transferred to third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the restricted stock units or the effectuation of a Corporate Transaction and you expressly authorize such transfer as well as the retention, use, and the subsequent transfer of the data by the recipient(s). You understand that these recipients may be located in your country or elsewhere, and that the recipient's country may have different data privacy laws and protections than your country. You understand that data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage the restricted stock units or effect a Corporate Transaction. You understand that you may, at any time, request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the personal data, view data, request additional information about the storage and processing of data, require any necessary amendments to data or refuse or withdraw the consents herein, in any case without cost, by contacting in writing the Company's Secretary. You understand, however, that refusing or withdrawing your consent may affect your ability to accept a restricted stock unit award.

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GLOSSARY

(a) "Administrator" means the Board of Directors of Axogen, Inc. or such committee or committees appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.

(b) "Affiliate" means any entity, whether now or hereafter existing, which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Axogen, Inc. (including but not limited to joint ventures, limited liability companies, and partnerships). For this purpose, "control" means ownership or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock or interests of the entity.

(c) "Agreement" means this document, as amended from time to time, together with the Notice and the Plan which are incorporated herein by reference.

(d) "Cause" has the meaning ascribed to such term or words of similar import in your written employment or service contract with the Company as in effect at the time at issue and, in the absence of such agreement or definition, means your (i) conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or crime involving moral turpitude; (ii) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of the Company, any affiliate, customer or vendor; (iii) personal dishonesty, incompetence, willful misconduct, willful violation of any law, rule or regulation (other than minor traffic violations or similar offenses) or breach of fiduciary duty which involves personal profit; (iv) willful misconduct in connection with your duties or willful failure to perform your responsibilities in the best interests of the Company; (v) illegal use or distribution of drugs; (vi) violation of any Company rule, regulation, procedure or policy; or (vii) breach of any provision of any employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation or other similar agreement executed by you for the benefit of the Company, all as determined by the Administrator, which determination will be conclusive.

(e) "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.

(f) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury regulations and other guidance promulgated thereunder.

(g) "Common Stock" means the common stock, US\$.01 par value per share, of Axogen, Inc.

(h) "Company" means Axogen, Inc. and its Affiliates, except where the context otherwise requires. For purposes of determining whether a Change in Control has occurred, Company shall mean only Axogen, Inc.

(i) "Fair Market Value" has the meaning set forth in the Plan. The Plan generally defines Fair Market Value to mean the closing price per share of Common Stock on the relevant date on the principal exchange or market on which the Common Stock is then listed or admitted to trading or, if no sale is reported for that date, the last preceding Business Day on which a sale was reported.

(j) "Grant Date" means the effective date of a grant of PSUs made to you as set forth in the relevant Notice.

(k) "Notice" means the statement, letter or other written notification provided to you by the Company setting forth the terms of a grant of PSUs made to you.

(I) "Plan" means the Axogen Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(m) "Qualified Retirement" means the termination of your Service after attainment of age sixty (60) with at least ten (10) years of continuous Service, provided that: (i) as a Vice-President or above, if you elect to terminate your Service voluntarily, you have provided the Company with at least [six (6) / twelve

(12)]¹ months' advance notice of your retirement date or such other term of advance notice as is determined by the Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company; (ii) as a Vice-President or above, if the Company elected to terminate your Service, such termination is without Cause and (iii) during the three (3) years prior to the year in which such termination of Service occurs, you have maintained consistent historical performance reviews.

(n) "PSU" means the Company's commitment to issue one share of Common Stock at a future date, subject to the terms of the Agreement and the Plan.

(o) "Service" means your employment, service as a non-executive director, or other service relationship with the Company and its Affiliates. Your Service will be considered to have ceased with the Company and its Affiliates if, immediately after a sale, merger, or other corporate transaction, the trade, business, or entity with which you are employed or otherwise have a service relationship is not Axogen, Inc., or its successor or an Affiliate of Axogen, Inc. or its successor.

(p) "You" or "Your" means the recipient of the PSUs as reflected on the applicable Notice. Whenever the word "you" or "your" is used in any provision of this Agreement under circumstances where the provision should logically be construed, as determined by the Administrator, to apply to the estate, personal representative, or beneficiary to whom the PSUs may be transferred by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, the words "you" and "your" shall be deemed to include such person.

{End of Agreement}

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¹ Notice period to be 12 months for CEO and CFO and 6 months for other VPs and above eligible for post-

retirement vesting.

Exhibit A

Terms of Performance Restricted Stock Units Performance Vesting²

² The terms of the PSUS inclusive of the vesting schedule, Performance Period and Performance Goals shall be

determined by the Administrator.

AXOGEN, INC.

RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS NOTICE UNDER THE AXOGEN, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2019 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

Name of Grantee:

This Notice evidences the award of restricted stock units (each, an "RSU," and collectively, the "RSUs") of Axogen, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (the "Company"), that have been granted to you pursuant to the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and conditioned upon your agreement to the terms of the attached Restricted Stock Units Agreement (the "Agreement"). This Notice constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of the Agreement and the Plan, which are incorporated by reference herein. Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of the Company's Common Stock and represents the Company's commitment to issue one share of the Company's Common Stock at a future date, subject to the terms of the Agreement and the Plan. The RSUs are credited to a separate account maintained for you on the books and records of the Company (the "Account"). All amounts credited to the Account will continue for all purposes to be part of the general assets of the Company.

Grant Date:

Vesting Commencement Date:

Number of RSUs:

<u>Vesting Schedule</u>: All of the RSUs are nonvested and forfeitable as of the Grant Date. So long as (i) your Service (as defined in the Agreement) is continuous from the Grant Date through the applicable date upon which vesting is scheduled to occur, or (ii) Section 4 of the Agreement applies, the RSUs shall vest as follows:¹

Axogen, Inc.

Date

I acknowledge that I have carefully read the Agreement and the prospectus for the Plan. I agree to be bound by all of the provisions set forth in those documents. I also consent to electronic delivery of all notices or other information with respect to the RSUs or the Company.

Signature of Grantee

Date

¹ The vesting schedule shall be structured such that 50% of the RSUs shall vest on the second anniversary of the Grant Date and 25% of the RSUs shall vest on each annual anniversary thereafter until vested in full on fourth anniversary of the Grant Date, unless an alternative vesting schedule is approved by the Administrator.

AXOGEN, INC.

RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS AGREEMENT UNDER THE AXOGEN, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2019 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

1. <u>Terminology</u>. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, capitalized terms used herein are defined in the Glossary at the end of this Agreement.

2. <u>Vesting</u>. All of the RSUs are nonvested and forfeitable as of the Grant Date. So long as your Service is continuous from the Grant Date through the applicable date upon which vesting is scheduled to occur, the RSUs will become vested and nonforfeitable in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in the Notice. Except for the circumstances, if any, described in the Notice, or as otherwise provided in Section 4 below, none of the RSUs will become vested and nonforfeitable after your Service ceases.

3. <u>Termination of Service</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Section 4 below, unless otherwise provided in the Notice, if your Service with the Company ceases for any reason, all RSUs that are not then vested and nonforfeitable will be forfeited to the Company immediately and automatically upon such cessation without payment of any consideration therefor and you will have no further right, title or interest in or to such RSUs or the underlying shares of Common Stock.

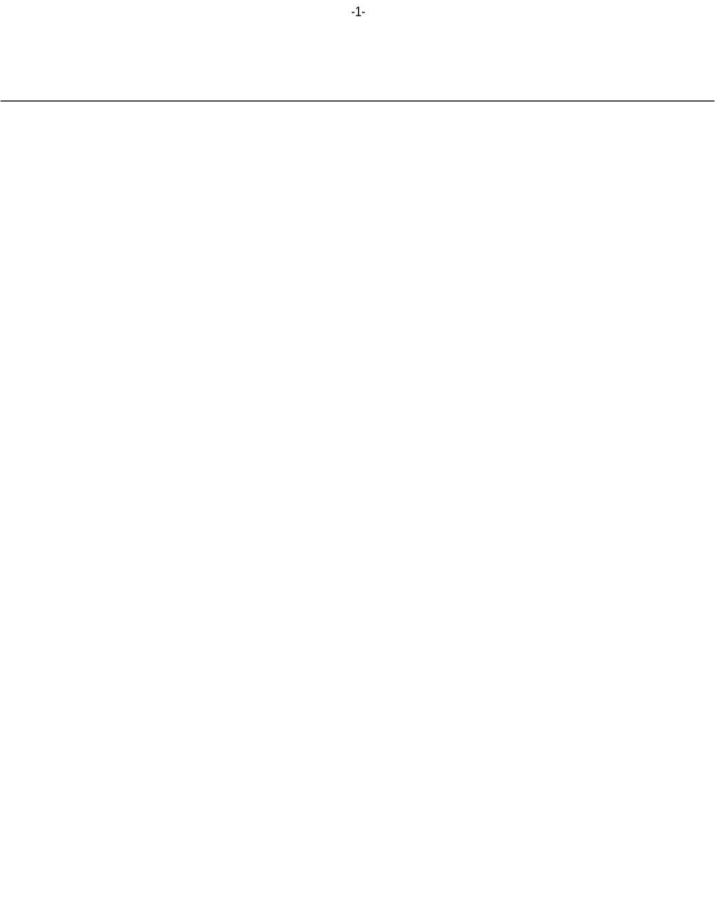
4. <u>Qualified Retirement</u>. If your title with the Company as of the Grant Date of the RSUs is Vice President or above, in the event your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Qualified Retirement, and such Qualified Retirement occurs on a date that is at least six (6) months following the Grant Date, the RSUs will continue to become vested and nonforfeitable in accordance with the vesting schedule set forth in the Notice, provided that all vesting shall cease and any remaining RSUs that are not then vested and nonforfeitable will be forfeited to the Company immediately and automatically upon your death.

5. <u>Restrictions on Transfer</u>. To the extent permitted under Section 9(b) of the Plan, neither this Agreement nor any of the RSUs may be assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or disposed of in any way, whether by operation of law or otherwise, and the RSUs shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. All rights with respect to this Agreement and the RSUs shall be exercisable during your lifetime only by you or your guardian or legal representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the RSUs, to the extent outstanding, may be transferred upon your death by last will and testament or under the laws of descent and distribution.

6. Settlement of RSUs.

(a) <u>Manner of Settlement</u>. You are not required to make any monetary payment (other than applicable tax withholding, if required) as a condition to settlement of the RSUs. The Company will issue to you, in settlement of your RSUs and subject to the provisions of Section 7 below, the number of whole shares of Common Stock that equals the number of whole RSUs that become vested, and such vested RSUs will terminate and cease to be outstanding upon such issuance of the shares. Upon issuance of such shares, the Company will determine the form of delivery (e.g., a stock certificate or electronic entry evidencing such shares) and may deliver such shares on your behalf electronically to the Company's designated stock plan administrator or such other broker-dealer as the Company may choose at its sole discretion, within reason.

(b) <u>Timing of Settlement</u>. Your RSUs will be settled by the Company, via the issuance of Common Stock as described herein, on the date that the RSUs become vested and nonforfeitable (each, an "Issuance Date"). However, if a scheduled Issuance Date date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or federal holiday, such Issuance Date shall instead fall on the next following day that the principal executive offices of the Company are open for business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that (i) you are subject



to the Company's policy permitting officers and directors to sell shares only during certain "window" periods, in effect from time to time or you are otherwise prohibited from selling shares of the Company's Common Stock in the public market and any shares covered by your RSUs are scheduled to be issued on a day (the "Original Distribution Date") that does not occur during an open "window period" applicable to you, as determined by the Company in accordance with such policy, or does not occur on a date when you are otherwise permitted to sell shares of the Company's Common Stock in the open market, and (ii) the Company elects not to satisfy its tax withholding obligations by withholding shares from your distribution, then, solely to the extent permitted by Section 409A (as defined below), such shares shall not be issued and delivered on such Original Distribution Date and shall instead be issued and delivered on the first business day of the next occurring open "window period" applicable to you pursuant to such policy (regardless of whether you are still providing continuous services at such time) or the next business day when you are not prohibited from selling shares of the Company's Common Stock in the open market, but in no event later than December 31st of the calendar year in which the Issuance Date occurs, or if later, by the 15th day of the third calendar month following the Issuance Date, provided, however, in no event are you permitted, directly or indirectly, to designate the taxable year of payment.

7. Tax Withholding. On or before the time you receive a distribution of the shares subject to your RSUs, or at any time thereafter as requested by the Company, you hereby authorize any required withholding from the Common Stock issuable to you and/or otherwise agree to make adequate provision in cash for any sums required to satisfy the federal, state, local and foreign tax withholding obligations of the Company or any Affiliate which arise in connection with your RSUs (the "Withholding Taxes"). Additionally, the Company may, in its sole discretion, satisfy all or any portion of the Withholding Taxes obligation relating to your RSUs by any of the following means or by a combination of such means: (i) withholding from any compensation otherwise payable to you by the Company; (ii) causing you to tender a cash payment; (iii) permitting you to enter into a "same day sale" commitment with a broker-dealer that is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (a "FINRA Dealer") whereby you irrevocably elect to sell a portion of the shares to be delivered under the Agreement to satisfy the Withholding Taxes and whereby the FINRA Dealer irrevocably commits to forward the proceeds necessary to satisfy the Withholding Taxes directly to the Company; or (iv) withholding shares of Common Stock from the shares of Common Stock issued or otherwise issuable to you in connection with the RSUs with a Fair Market Value (measured as of the date shares of Common Stock are issued to you pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement) equal to the amount of such Withholding Taxes; provided, however, that the number of such shares of Common Stock so withheld shall not exceed, by more than the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock, the amount necessary to satisfy the Company's required tax withholding obligations using the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal, state, local and foreign tax purposes, including payroll taxes, that are applicable to supplemental taxable income. Unless the tax withholding obligations of the Company and/or any Affiliate are satisfied, the Company shall have no obligation to deliver to you any Common Stock. In the event the Company's obligation to withhold arises prior to the delivery to you of Common Stock or it is determined after the delivery of Common Stock to you that the amount of the Company's withholding obligation was greater than the amount withheld by the Company, you agree to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any failure by the Company to withhold the proper amount.

8. Adjustments for Corporate Transactions and Other Events.

(a) <u>Stock Dividend, Stock Split and Reverse Stock Split</u>. Upon a stock dividend of, or stock split or reverse stock split affecting, the Common Stock, the number of outstanding RSUs shall, without further action of the Administrator, be adjusted to reflect such event; provided, however, that any fractional RSUs resulting from any such adjustment shall be eliminated. Adjustments under this paragraph will be made by the Administrator, whose determination as to what adjustments, if any, will be made and the extent thereof will be final, binding and conclusive.

(b) <u>Merger, Consolidation and Other Events</u>. If the Company shall be the surviving or resulting corporation in any merger or consolidation and the Common Stock shall be converted into other securities, the RSUs shall pertain to and apply to the securities to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock subject to the RSUs would have been entitled. If the stockholders of the Company receive

acquisition of its assets, securities of another entity or other property (including cash), then the rights of the Company under this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the Company's successor, and this Agreement shall apply to the securities or other property (including cash) to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock subject to the RSUs would have been entitled, in the same manner and to the same extent as the RSUs.

9. <u>Non-Guarantee of Employment or Service Relationship</u>. Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement shall alter your at-will or other employment status or other service relationship with the Company, nor be construed as a contract of employment or service relationship between the Company and you, or as a contractual right of you to continue in the employ of, or in a service relationship with, the Company for any period of time, or as a limitation of the right of the Company to discharge you at any time with or without cause or notice and whether or not such discharge results in the forfeiture of any nonvested and forfeitable RSUs or any other adverse effect on your interests under the Plan.

10. <u>Rights as Stockholder</u>. You shall not have any of the rights of a stockholder with respect to any shares of Common Stock that may be issued in settlement of the RSUs until such shares of Common Stock have been issued to you. No adjustment shall be made for dividends, distributions, or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such shares are issued, except as provided in Section 10 of the Plan and Section 6 of this Agreement.

11. <u>The Company's Rights</u>. The existence of the RSUs shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to make or authorize any or all adjustments, recapitalizations, reorganizations, or other changes in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any merger or consolidation of the Company, or any issue of bonds, debentures, preferred or other stocks with preference ahead of or convertible into, or otherwise affecting the Common Stock or the rights thereof, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of the Company's assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.

12. <u>Restrictions on Issuance of Shares</u>. The issuance of shares of Common Stock upon settlement of the RSUs shall be subject to and in compliance with all applicable requirements of federal, state, or foreign law with respect to such securities. No shares of Common Stock may be issued hereunder if the issuance of such shares would constitute a violation of any applicable federal, state, or foreign securities laws or other law or regulations or the requirements of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Common Stock may then be listed. The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company's legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance of any shares subject to the RSUs shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue such shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the settlement of the RSUs, the Company may require you to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation, and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

13. <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>. You hereby agree to the following restrictive covenants as consideration of the grant of the RSUs:

(a) You hereby agree and acknowledge that the grant of the RSUs is conditioned upon your continued compliance with any and all confidentiality, non-compete and/or non-solicitation covenants and restrictions contained in any separate agreement between you and the Company, and if you breach any of such covenants or restrictions, upon written notice delivered to you: (i) the entirety of the Company's obligations under this Agreement and the Plan shall terminate in their entirety, (ii) all RSUs that are not then vested and nonforfeitable will be forfeited to the Company immediately and automatically, and (iii) you shall have no further rights or privileges under this Agreement or the Plan.

14. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications made or given pursuant to this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given upon receipt or, in the case of notices

delivered by the Company to you, five (5) days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid,

addressed to you at the last address you provided to the Company, or in the case of notices delivered to the Company by you, addressed to the Administrator, care of the Company for the attention of its Secretary at its principal executive office or, in either case, if the receiving party consents in advance, transmitted and received via telecopy or via such other electronic transmission mechanism as may be available to the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may, in its sole discretion, decide to deliver any documents related to participation in the Plan and this award of RSUs by electronic means or to request your consent to participate in the Plan or accept this award of RSUs by electronic means. You hereby consent to receive such documents by electronic delivery and, if requested, to agree to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or another third party designated by the Company.

15. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, together with the relevant Notice and the Plan, contain the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the RSUs granted hereunder. Any oral or written agreements, representations, warranties, written inducements, or other communications made prior to the execution of this Agreement with respect to the RSUs granted hereunder shall be void and ineffective for all purposes.

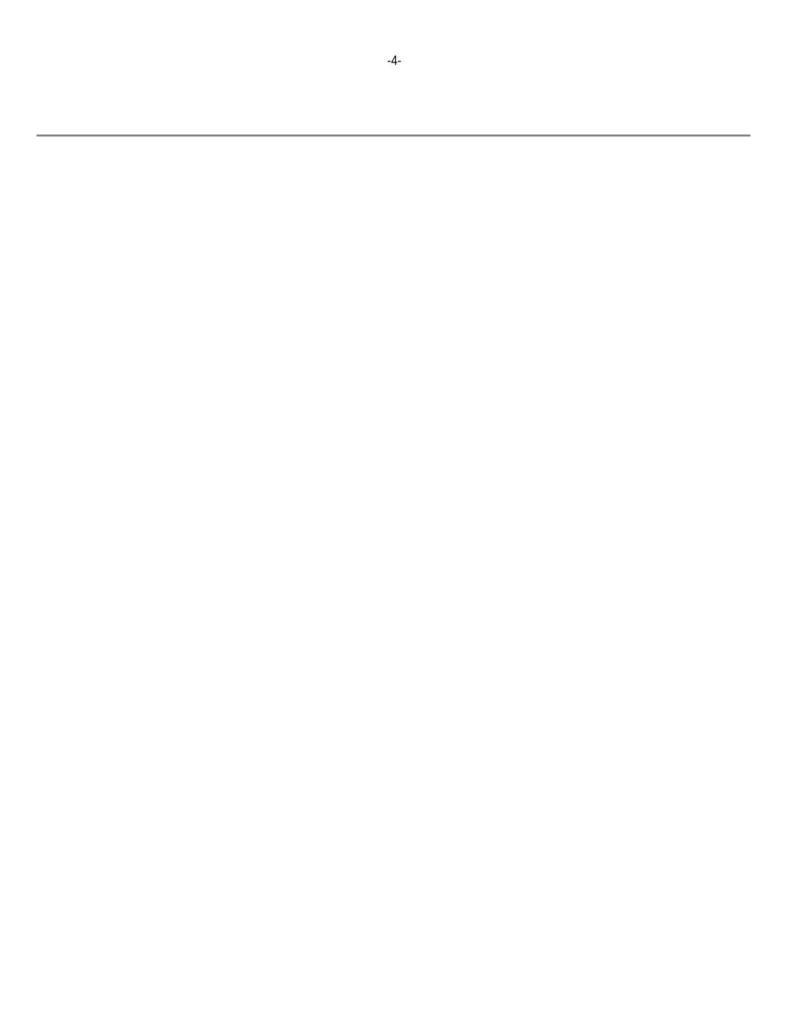
16. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended from time to time by the Administrator in its discretion; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this Agreement may not be modified in a manner that would have a materially adverse effect on the RSUs as determined in the discretion of the Administrator, except as provided in the Plan or in a written document signed by each of the parties hereto.

409A Savings Clause. This Agreement and the RSUs granted hereunder are intended to 17. be exempt from or comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and the regulations and IRS guidance promulgated thereunder ("Section 409A"). In administering this Agreement, the Company shall interpret this Agreement in a manner consistent with Section 409A. To the extent necessary to comply with Section 409A, if you are a "Specified Employee" (within the meaning set forth Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code) as of the date of your separation from service (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h)), then the issuance of any shares that would otherwise be made upon the date of the separation from service or within the first six (6) months thereafter will not be made on the originally scheduled date(s) and will instead be issued in a lump sum on the date that is six (6) months and one day after the date of the separation from service, but if and only if such delay in the issuance of the shares is necessary to avoid the imposition of additional taxation on you in respect of the shares under Section 409A of the Code. Each installment of shares that vests is intended to constitute a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A and Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2). For purposes of Section 409A, the payment of dividend equivalents under this Agreement, if any, shall be construed as earnings and the time and form of payment of such dividend equivalents shall be treated separately from the time and form of payment of the underlying RSUs.

18. <u>No Obligation to Minimize Taxes</u>. The Company has no duty or obligation to minimize the tax consequences to you of this award of RSUs and shall not be liable to you for any adverse tax consequences to you arising in connection with this award. You are hereby advised to consult with your own personal tax, financial and/or legal advisors regarding the tax consequences of this award and by signing the Notice, you have agreed that you have done so or knowingly and voluntarily declined to do so.

19. <u>Conformity with Plan</u>. This Agreement is intended to conform in all respects with, and is subject to all applicable provisions of, the Plan. Inconsistencies between this Agreement and the Plan shall be resolved in accordance with the terms of the Plan. In the event of any ambiguity in this Agreement or any matters as to which this Agreement is silent, the Plan shall govern. A copy of the Plan is available upon request to the Administrator.

20. <u>No Funding</u>. This Agreement constitutes an unfunded and unsecured promise by the Company to issue shares of Common Stock in the future in accordance with its terms. You have the status of a general unsecured creditor of the Company as a result of receiving the grant of RSUs.



21. Effect on Other Employee Benefit Plans. The value of the RSUs subject to this Agreement shall not be included as compensation, earnings, salaries, or other similar terms used when calculating your benefits under any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company or any Affiliate, except as such plan otherwise expressly provides. The Company expressly reserves its rights to amend, modify, or terminate any of the Company's or any Affiliate's employee benefit plans.

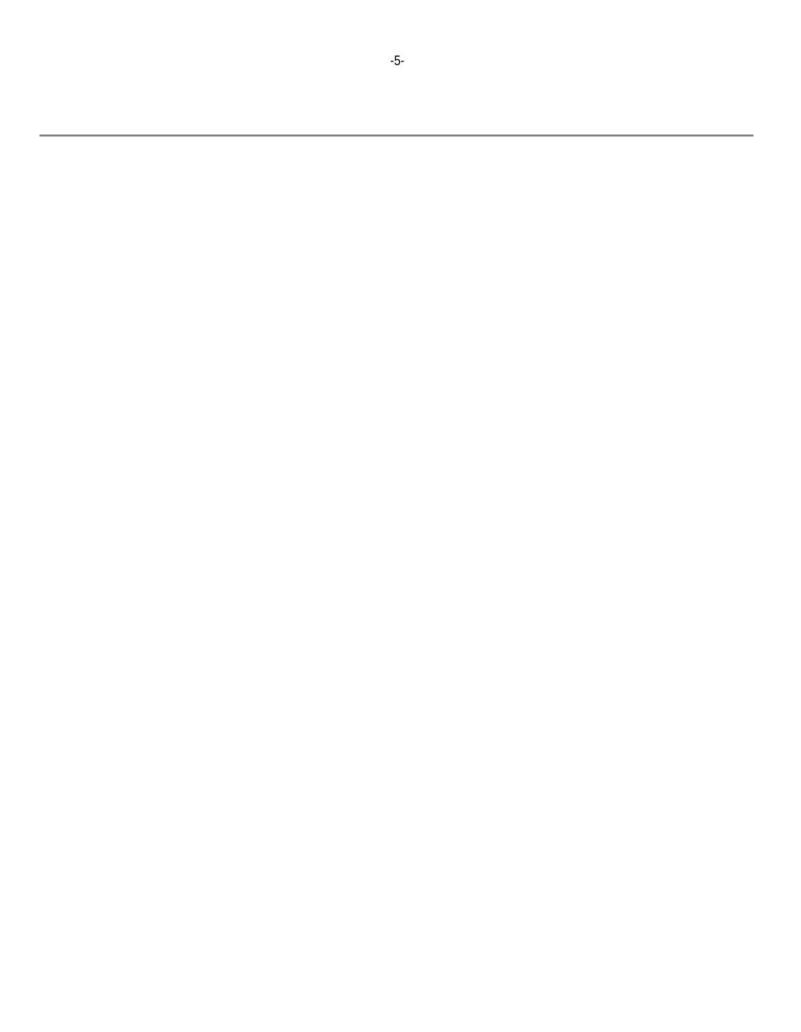
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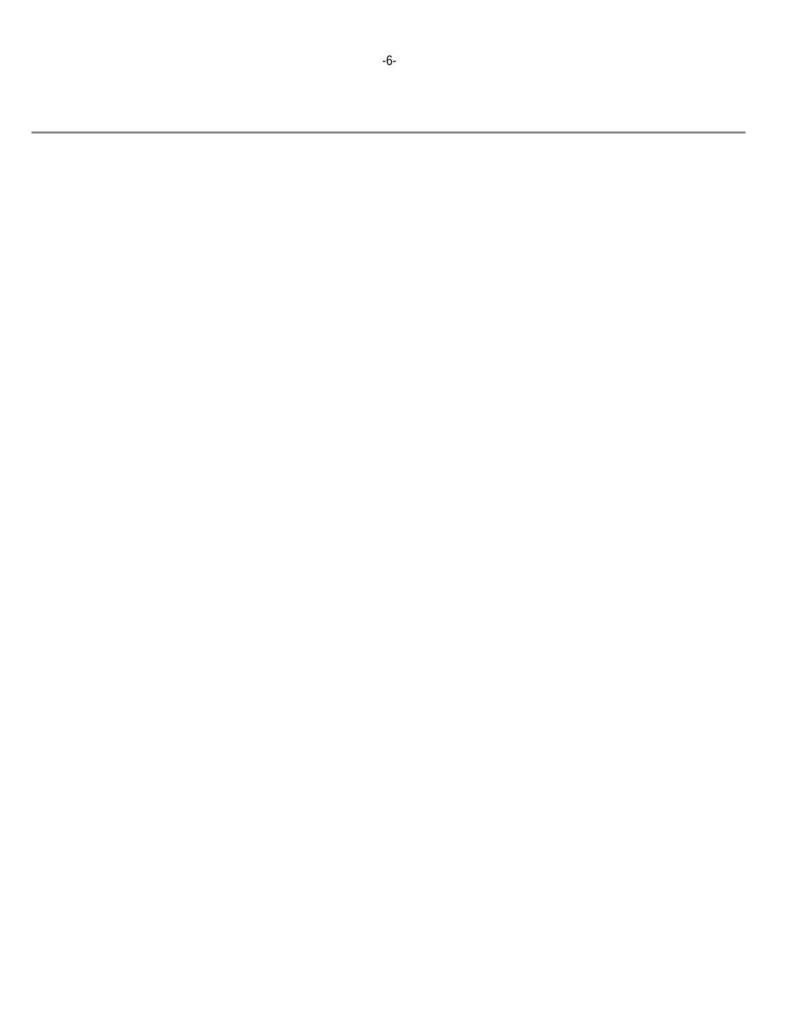
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No Future Entitlement. By your signing the Notice, you acknowledge and agree that: (i) the 26. grant of a restricted stock unit award is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of restricted stock units, or compensation in lieu of restricted stock units, even if restricted stock units have been granted repeatedly in the past; (ii) all determinations with respect to any such future grants and the terms thereof will be at the sole discretion of the Committee; (iii) the value of the restricted stock units is an extraordinary item of compensation which is outside the scope of your employment contract, if any; (iv) the value of the restricted stock units is not part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purpose, including, but not limited to, calculating any termination, severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service payments or similar payments, or bonuses, longservice awards, pension or retirement benefits; (v) the vesting of the restricted stock units ceases upon termination of Service with the Company or transfer of employment from the Company, or other cessation of eligibility for any reason, except as may otherwise be explicitly provided in this Agreement; (vi) the Company does not guarantee any future value of the restricted stock units; and (vii) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages arises if the restricted stock units decrease or do not increase in value and you irrevocably release the Company from any such claim that does arise.



27. Personal Data. For purposes of the implementation, administration and management of the restricted stock units or the effectuation of any acquisition, equity or debt financing, joint venture, merger, reorganization, consolidation, recapitalization, business combination, liquidation, dissolution, share exchange, sale of stock, sale of material assets or other similar corporate transaction involving the Company (a "Corporate Transaction"), you consent, by execution of the Notice, to the collection, receipt, use, retention and transfer, in electronic or other form, of your personal data by and among the Company and its third party vendors or any potential party to a potential Corporate Transaction. You understand that personal data (including but not limited to, name, home address, telephone number, employee number, employment status, social security number, tax identification number, date of birth, nationality, job and payroll location, data for tax withholding purposes and shares awarded, cancelled, vested and unvested) may be transferred to third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the restricted stock units or the effectuation of a Corporate Transaction and you expressly authorize such transfer as well as the retention, use, and the subsequent transfer of the data by the recipient(s). You understand that these recipients may be located in your country or elsewhere, and that the recipient's country may have different data privacy laws and protections than your country. You understand that data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage the restricted stock units or effect a Corporate Transaction. You understand that you may, at any time, request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the personal data, view data, request additional information about the storage and processing of data, require any necessary amendments to data or refuse or withdraw the consents herein, in any case without cost, by contacting in writing the Company's Secretary. You understand, however, that refusing or withdrawing your consent may affect your ability to accept a restricted stock unit award.

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GLOSSARY

(a) "Administrator" means the Board of Directors of Axogen, Inc. or such committee or committees appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.

(b) "Affiliate" means any entity, whether now or hereafter existing, which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Axogen, Inc. (including but not limited to joint ventures, limited liability companies, and partnerships). For this purpose, "control" means ownership or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock or interests of the entity.

(c) "Agreement" means this document, as amended from time to time, together with the Notice and the Plan which are incorporated herein by reference.

(d) "Cause" has the meaning ascribed to such term or words of similar import in your written employment or service contract with the Company as in effect at the time at issue and, in the absence of such agreement or definition, means your (i) conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or crime involving moral turpitude; (ii) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of the Company, any affiliate, customer or vendor; (iii) personal dishonesty, incompetence, willful misconduct, willful violation of any law, rule or regulation (other than minor traffic violations or similar offenses) or breach of fiduciary duty which involves personal profit; (iv) willful misconduct in connection with your duties or willful failure to perform your responsibilities in the best interests of the Company; (v) illegal use or distribution of drugs; (vi) violation of any Company rule, regulation, procedure or policy; or (vii) breach of any provision of any employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation or other similar agreement executed by you for the benefit of the Company, all as determined by the Administrator, which determination will be conclusive.

(e) "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.

(f) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury regulations and other guidance promulgated thereunder.

(g) "Common Stock" means the common stock, US\$.01 par value per share, of Axogen, Inc.

(h) "Company" means Axogen, Inc. and its Affiliates, except where the context otherwise requires. For purposes of determining whether a Change in Control has occurred, Company shall mean only Axogen, Inc.

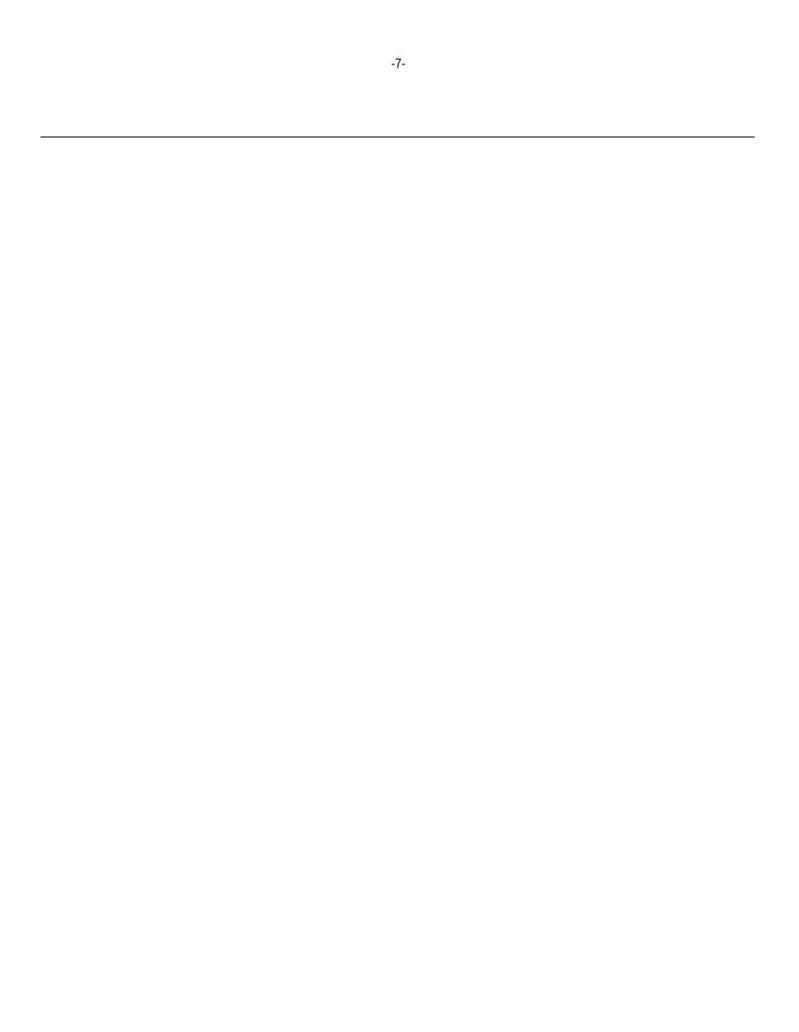
(i) "Fair Market Value" has the meaning set forth in the Plan. The Plan generally defines Fair Market Value to mean the closing price per share of Common Stock on the relevant date on the principal exchange or market on which the Common Stock is then listed or admitted to trading or, if no sale is reported for that date, the last preceding Business Day on which a sale was reported.

(j) "Grant Date" means the effective date of a grant of RSUs made to you as set forth in the relevant Notice.

(k) "Notice" means the statement, letter or other written notification provided to you by the Company setting forth the terms of a grant of RSUs made to you.

(I) "Plan" means the Axogen Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(m) "Qualified Retirement" means the termination of your Service after attainment of age sixty (60) with at least ten (10) years of continuous service, provided that: (i) as a Vice-President or above, if you elect to terminate your Service voluntarily, you have provided the Company with at least [six (6) / twelve



(12)]² months' advance notice of your retirement date or such other term of advance notice as is determined by the Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company; (ii) as a Vice-President or above, if the Company elected to terminate your Service, such termination is without Cause and (iii) during the three (3) years prior to the year in which such termination of Service occurs, you have maintained consistent historical performance reviews.

(n) "RSU" means the Company's commitment to issue one share of Common Stock at a future date, subject to the terms of the Agreement and the Plan.

(o) "Service" means your employment, service as a non-executive director, or other service relationship with the Company and its Affiliates. Your Service will be considered to have ceased with the Company and its Affiliates if, immediately after a sale, merger, or other corporate transaction, the trade, business, or entity with which you are employed or otherwise have a service relationship is not Axogen, Inc., or its successor or an Affiliate of Axogen, Inc. or its successor.

(p) "You" or "Your" means the recipient of the RSUs as reflected on the applicable Notice. Whenever the word "you" or "your" is used in any provision of this Agreement under circumstances where the provision should logically be construed, as determined by the Administrator, to apply to the estate, personal representative, or beneficiary to whom the RSUs may be transferred by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, the words "you" and "your" shall be deemed to include such person.

{End of Agreement}

² Notice period to be 12 months for CEO and CFO and 6 months for other VPs and above eligible for post-

retirement vesting.

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AXOGEN, INC. INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION NOTICE

This Notice evidences the award of stock options (each, an "Option" or collectively, the "Options") that have been granted to you, [NAME], subject to and conditioned upon your agreement to the terms of the attached Incentive Stock Option Agreement (the "Agreement"). The Options entitle you to purchase shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Axogen, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (the "Company"), under the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The number of shares you may purchase and the exercise price at which you may purchase them are specified below. This Notice constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of the Agreement and the Plan, which are incorporated by reference herein. You must return an executed copy of this Notice to the Company within 30 days of the date hereof. If you fail to do so, the Options may be rendered null and void in the Company's discretion.

Grant Date: [GRANT DATE]

Vesting Commencement Date: [INSERT DATE]

Number of Options: [NUMBER] Options, each permitting the purchase of one Share

Exercise Price: \$[PRICE] per share

Expiration Date: The Options expire at 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the [10th] anniversary of the Grant Date (the "Expiration Date"), unless fully exercised or terminated earlier.

Exercisability Schedule: Subject to the terms and conditions described in the Agreement, the Options become exercisable in accordance with the schedule below:¹

The extent to which the Options are exercisable as of a particular date is rounded down to the nearest whole share. However, exercisability is rounded up to 100% on the 4th anniversary of the Grant Date.

AXOGEN, INC.

Ву:_____

Date:

I acknowledge that I have carefully read the attached Agreement and the prospectus for the Plan and agree to be bound by all of the provisions set forth in these documents.

¹ The vesting schedule shall be structured such that 50% of the Options shall vest on the first anniversary of the Grant Date and 12.5% of the options shall vest on each 6-month anniversary thereafter until vested in full on the fourth anniversary of the Grant Date, unless an alternative vesting schedule is approved by the Administrator.

Enclosures: Incentive Stock Option Agreement OP Prospectus for the Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan Exercise Form

OPTIONEE

Date: _____

INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT UNDER THE AXOGEN, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2019 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

1. <u>Terminology</u>. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement are defined in the correlating Stock Option Notice and/or the Glossary at the end of the Agreement.

2. Exercise of Options.

(a) <u>Exercisability</u>. The Options will become exercisable in accordance with the Exercisability Schedule set forth in the Stock Option Notice, so long as (i) you are in the Service of the Company from the Grant Date through the applicable exercisability dates, or (ii) your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Qualified Retirement in the manner set forth in Section 3(b) below. None of the Options will become exercisable after your Service with the Company ceases, unless the Stock Option Notice provides otherwise with respect to exercisability that arises as a result of your cessation of Service, or unless your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Qualified Retirement in the manner set forth in Section 3(b) below.

Right to Exercise. You may exercise the Options, to the extent exercisable, at any (b) time on or before 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the Expiration Date or the earlier termination of the Options, unless otherwise provided under applicable law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time the Administrator determines that the delivery of Shares under the Plan or this Agreement is or may be unlawful under the laws of any applicable jurisdiction, or federal, state or foreign securities laws, the right to exercise the Options or receive Shares pursuant to the Options shall be suspended until the Administrator determines that such delivery is lawful. If at any time the Administrator determines that the delivery of Shares under the Plan or this Agreement is or may violate the rules of the national securities exchange on which the shares are then listed for trade, the right to exercise the Options or receive Shares pursuant to the Options shall be suspended until the Administrator determines that such exercise or delivery would not violate such rules. Section 3 below describes certain limitations on exercise of the Options that apply in the event of your death, Total and Permanent Disability, Termination of Service or Qualified Retirement. The Options may be exercised only in multiples of whole Shares and may not be exercised at any one time as to fewer than one hundred Shares (or such lesser number of Shares as to which the Options are then exercisable). No fractional Shares will be issued under the Options.

(c) <u>Exercise Procedure</u>. In order to exercise the Options, you must provide the following items to the Secretary of the Company or his or her delegate before the expiration or termination of the Options:

- notice, in such manner and form as the Administrator may require from time to time, specifying the number of Shares to be purchased under the Options; and
- (ii) full payment of the Exercise Price for the Shares or properly executed, irrevocable instructions, in such manner and form as the Administrator may require from time to time, to effectuate a broker-assisted cashless exercise, each in accordance with Section 2(d) of this Agreement.

An exercise will not be effective until the Secretary of the Company or his or her delegate receives all of the foregoing items, and such exercise otherwise is permitted under and complies with all applicable federal, state and foreign securities laws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Administrator permits payment by means of delivering properly executed, irrevocable instructions, in such manner and form as the Administrator may require from time to time, to effectuate a broker-assisted cashless exercise and such instructions provide for sale of Shares under a limit order rather than at the market, the exercise will not be effective until the earlier of the date the Company receives delivery of cash or cash equivalents in full

instruction has been fulfilled, and the exercise will not be effective unless the earlier of such dates occurs on or before termination of the Options.

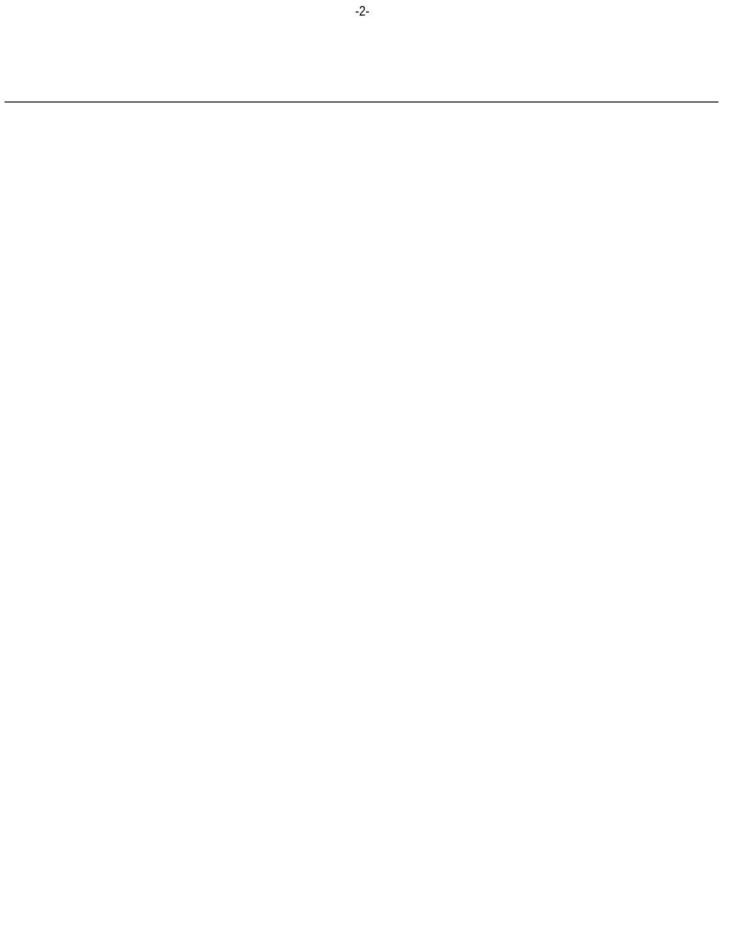
- (d) <u>Method of Payment</u>. You may pay the Exercise Price by:
 - delivery of cash, certified or cashier's check, money order or other cash equivalent acceptable to the Administrator in its discretion;
 - a broker-assisted cashless exercise in accordance with Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System through a brokerage firm designated or approved by the Administrator;
 - (iii) subject to such limits as the Administrator may impose from time to time, tender (via actual delivery or attestation) to the Company of other shares of Common Stock of the Company which have a Fair Market Value on the date of tender equal to the Exercise Price;
 - subject to such limits as the Administrator may impose from time to time, net share settlement with respect to any portions of the Options that do not qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of Code section 422;
 - (v) any other method approved by the Administrator; or
 - (vi) any combination of the foregoing.

(e) <u>Issuance of Shares upon Exercise</u>. The Company shall issue to you the Shares underlying the Options you exercise as soon as practicable after the exercise date, subject to the Company's receipt of the aggregate exercise price and the requisite withholding taxes, if any. Upon issuance of such Shares, the Company may deliver, subject to the provisions of Section 7 below, such Shares on your behalf electronically to the Company's designated stock plan administrator or such other broker-dealer as the Company may choose at its sole discretion, within reason, or may retain such Shares in uncertificated book-entry form. Any share certificates delivered will, unless the Shares are registered or an exemption from registration is available under applicable federal and state law, bear a legend restricting transferability of such Shares.

3. <u>Termination of Service</u>.

(a) <u>Termination of Unexercisable Options</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Section 3(b) below, if your Service with the Company ceases for any reason, the Options that are then unexercisable, after giving effect to any exercise acceleration provisions set forth on the Stock Option Notice, will terminate immediately upon such cessation.

(b) <u>Qualified Retirement</u>. If your title with the Company as of the Grant Date of the Options is Vice President or above, if your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Qualified Retirement, and such Qualified Retirement occurs on a date that is at least six (6) months following the Grant Date, the Options that are unexercisable on the date of such Qualified Retirement will continue to become vested and exercisable in accordance with the Exercisability Schedule set forth in the Stock Option Notice; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that all vesting shall cease and any remaining Options that are then unexercisable will terminate immediately upon your death. In addition, upon such termination of Service, due to a Qualified Retirement, the Options that are exercisable as of such termination of Service, and such Options that become vested and exercisable following the date of such Qualified Retirement will terminate upon the earliest of (i) 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the Expiration Date, (ii) the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of such Qualified Retirement or (iii) the expiration of 12 months following your death.



(c) <u>Exercise Period Following Termination of Service</u>. Except as set forth in Section 3(b) above, if your Service with the Company ceases for any reason other than discharge for Cause, the Options that are then exercisable, after giving effect to any exercise acceleration provisions set forth on the Stock Option Notice, will terminate upon the earliest of:

- the expiration of 90 days following such cessation, if your Service ceases on account of (1) your termination by the Company other than a discharge for Cause, or (2) your voluntary termination other than for Total and Permanent Disability or death;
- (ii) the expiration of 12 months following such cessation, if your Service ceases on account of your Total and Permanent Disability or death;
- the expiration of 12 months following your death, if your death occurs during the periods described in clauses (i) or (ii) of this Section 3(c), as applicable; or
- (iv) 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the Expiration Date.

In the event of your death, the exercisable Options may be exercised by your executor, personal representative, or the person(s) to whom the Options are transferred by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

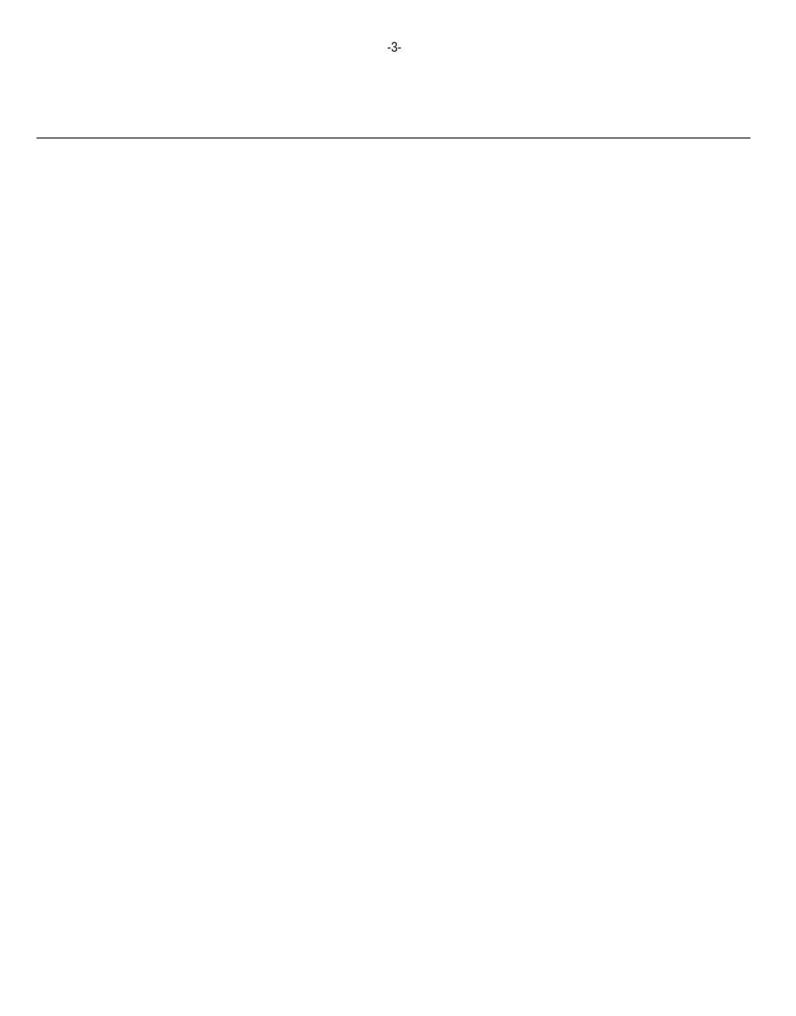
(d) <u>Misconduct</u>. The Options will terminate in their entirety, regardless of whether the Options are then exercisable, immediately upon your discharge from Service for Cause, or upon your commission of any of the following acts during the exercise period following your Termination of Service: (i) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of the Company, or (ii) your breach of any provision of Section 11 of this Agreement or any employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation, assignment of inventions, or other similar agreement executed by you for the benefit of the Company, as determined by the Administrator, which determination will be conclusive.

(e) <u>Changes in Status</u>. If you cease to be a "common law employee" of the Company but you continue to provide bona fide services to the Company following such cessation in a different capacity, including without limitation as a director, consultant or independent contractor, then a Termination of Service shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of this Section 3 upon such change in capacity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Options shall not be treated as incentive stock options within the meaning of Code section 422 with respect to any exercise that occurs more than three months after such cessation of the common law employee relationship (except as otherwise permitted under Code section 421 or 422). In the event that your Service is with a business, trade or entity that, after the Grant Date, ceases for any reason to be part or an Affiliate of the Company, your Service does not continue uninterrupted immediately thereafter with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company.

4. <u>Nontransferability of Options</u>. These Options and, before exercise, the underlying Shares are nontransferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and during your lifetime, the Options may be exercised only by you or, during the period you are under a legal disability, by your guardian or legal representative. Except as provided above, the Options may not be assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or disposed of in any way (whether by operation of law or otherwise) and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process.

5. Qualified Nature of the Options.

(a) <u>General Status</u>. The Options are intended to qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of Code section 422 ("Incentive Stock Options"), to the fullest extent permitted by Code section 422, and this Agreement shall be so construed. The Company, however, does not warrant



any particular tax consequences of the Options. Code section 422 provides limitations, not set forth in this Agreement, respecting the treatment of the Options as Incentive Stock Options. You should consult with your personal tax advisors in this regard.

(b) <u>Post-Termination Exercise Period</u>. To obtain the federal income tax advantage associate with an Incentive Stock Option, the Code requires that at all times beginning on the Date of Grant and ending on the day three (3) months before the date of exercise of your Options, you must be an employee of the Company or an Affiliate, except in the event of your death or Disability. The Company has provided for extended exercisability of your Options under certain circumstances for your benefit, but makes no assurances that your Options will necessarily be treated as Incentive Stock Options if you continue to provide Service to the Company or an Affiliate in any capacity after your employment terminates, if Section 3(b) of the Agreement applies or if you otherwise exercise your Options more than three (3) months after the date your employment with the Company or an Affiliate terminates.

(c) <u>Code Section 422(d) Limitation</u>. Pursuant to Code section 422(d), the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the Grant Date) of shares of Common Stock with respect to which all Incentive Stock Options first become exercisable by you in any calendar year under the Plan or any other plan of the Company (and its parent and subsidiary corporations, within the meaning of Code section 424(e) and (f), as may exist from time to time) may not exceed \$100,000 or such other amount as may be permitted from time to time under Code section 422. To the extent that such aggregate fair market value exceeds \$100,000 or other applicable amount in any calendar year, such stock options will be treated as nonstatutory stock options with respect to the amount of aggregate fair market value thereof that exceeds the Code section 422(d) limit. For this purpose, the Incentive Stock Options will be taken into account in the order in which they were granted. In such case, the Company may designate the shares of Common Stock that are to be treated as stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options and the shares of Common Stock that are to be treated as stock acquired pursuant to nonstatutory stock options by issuing separate certificates for such shares and identifying the certificates as such in the stock transfer records of the Company.

(d) <u>Significant Stockholders</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or the Stock Option Notice to the contrary, if you own, directly or indirectly through attribution, stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries (within the meaning of Code section 424(f)) on the Grant Date, then the Exercise Price is the greater of (a) the Exercise Price stated on the Stock Option Notice or (b) 110% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the Grant Date, and the Expiration Date is the last business day prior to the fifth anniversary of the Grant Date.

(e) <u>Disqualifying Dispositions</u>. If you make a disposition (as that term is defined in Code section 424(c)) of any Shares acquired pursuant to the Options within two years of the Grant Date or within one year after the Shares are transferred to you, you must notify the Company of such disposition in writing within 30 days of the disposition. The Administrator may, in its discretion, take reasonable steps to ensure notification of such dispositions, including but not limited to requiring that Shares acquired under the Options be held in an account with a Company-designated broker-dealer until they are sold.

6. Withholding of Taxes.

(a) At the time the Options are exercised, in whole or in part, or at any time thereafter as requested by the Company, you hereby authorize withholding from payroll or any other payment of any kind due to you and otherwise agree to make adequate provision for foreign, federal, state and local taxes required by law to be withheld, if any, which arise in connection with the Options (including upon a disqualifying disposition within the meaning of Code section 421(b)). The Company may require you to make a cash payment to cover any withholding tax obligation as a condition of exercise of the Options or issuance of share certificates representing Shares.

(b) The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, permit you to satisfy, in whole or in

part, any withholding tax obligation which may arise in connection with the Options either by electing to

have the Company withhold from the Shares to be issued upon exercise that number of Shares, or by electing to deliver to the Company already-owned shares, in either case having a Fair Market Value not in excess of the amount necessary to satisfy the statutory minimum withholding amount due.

7. <u>Adjustments</u>. The Administrator may make various adjustments to your Options, including adjustments to the number and type of securities subject to the Options and the Exercise Price, in accordance with the terms of the Plan. In the event of any transaction resulting in a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan) of the Company, the outstanding Options will terminate upon the effective time of such Change in Control unless provision is made in connection with the transaction for the continuation or assumption of such Options by, or for the substitution of the equivalent awards of, the surviving or successor entity or a parent thereof. In the event of such termination, you will be permitted, immediately before the Change in Control, to exercise or convert all portions of such Options that are then exercisable, or which become exercisable upon or prior to the effective time of the Change in Control.

8. <u>Non-Guarantee of Employment or Service Relationship</u>. Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement will alter your at-will or other employment status or other service relationship with the Company, nor be construed as a contract of employment or service relationship between you and the Company, or as a contractual right for you to continue in the employ of, or in a service relationship with, the Company for any period of time, or as a limitation of the right of the Company to discharge you at any time with or without Cause or notice and whether or not such discharge results in the failure of any of the Options to become exercisable or any other adverse effect on your interests under the Plan.

9. <u>No Rights as a Stockholder</u>. You shall not have any of the rights of a stockholder with respect to the Shares until such Shares have been issued to you upon the due exercise of the Options. No adjustment will be made for dividends or distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such Shares are issued.

10. <u>The Company's Rights</u>. The existence of the Options shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to make or authorize any or all adjustments, recapitalizations, reorganizations or other changes in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any merger or consolidation of the Company, or any issue of bonds, debentures, preferred or other stocks with preference ahead of or convertible into, or otherwise affecting the Common Stock or the rights thereof, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of the Company's assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.

11. <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>. You hereby agree to the following restrictive covenants as consideration of the grant of the Options:

(a) You hereby agree and acknowledge that the grant of the Options is conditioned upon your continued compliance with any and all confidentiality, non-compete and/or non-solicitation covenants and restrictions contained in any separate agreement between you and the Company, and if you breach any of such covenants or restrictions, upon written notice delivered to you: (i) the entirety of the Company's obligations under this Agreement and the Plan shall terminate in their entirety, (ii) the Options will terminate in their entirety in accordance with Section 3(d) above, and (iii) you shall have no further rights or privileges under this Agreement or the Plan.

12. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, together with the correlating Stock Option Notice and the Plan, contain the entire agreement between you and the Company with respect to the Options. Any oral or written agreements, representations, warranties, written inducements, or other communications made prior to the execution of this Agreement with respect to the Options shall be void and ineffective for all purposes.

13. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended from time to time by the Administrator in its discretion; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this Agreement may not be modified in a manner that would have a materially adverse effect on the Options or Shares as determined in the discretion of the Administrator,

except as provided in the Plan or in a written document signed by you and the Company.

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14. <u>Conformity with Plan</u>. This Agreement is intended to conform in all respects with, and is subject to all applicable provisions of, the Plan. Any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Plan shall be resolved in accordance with the terms of the Plan. In the event of any ambiguity in this Agreement or any matters as to which this Agreement is silent, the Plan shall govern. A copy of the Plan is available upon request to the Administrator.

15. <u>Section 409A</u>. This Agreement and the Options granted hereunder are intended to comply with, or otherwise be exempt from, Section 409A of the Code. This Agreement and the Options shall be administered, interpreted and construed in a manner consistent with this intent. Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement shall be construed as including any feature for the deferral of compensation other than the deferral of recognition of income until the exercise of the Options. Should any provision of the Plan or this Agreement be found not to comply with, or otherwise be exempt from, the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, it may be modified and given effect, in the sole discretion of the Administrator and without requiring your consent, in such manner as the Administrator determines to be necessary or appropriate to comply with, or to effectuate an exemption from, Section 409A of the Code. The foregoing, however, shall not be construed as a guarantee or warranty by the Company of any particular tax effect to you.

16. <u>Electronic Delivery of Documents</u>. By your signing the Notice, you (i) consent to the electronic delivery of this Agreement, all information with respect to the Plan and the Options, and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders; (ii) acknowledge that you may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents delivered electronically at no cost to you by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing; (iii) further acknowledge that you may revoke your consent to the electronic delivery of documents at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent by telephone, postal service or electronic mail; and (iv) further acknowledge that you understand that you are not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents.

17. No Future Entitlement. By execution of the Notice, you acknowledge and agree that: (i) the grant of these Options is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of stock options, or compensation in lieu of stock options, even if stock options have been granted repeatedly in the past; (ii) all determinations with respect to any such future grants, including, but not limited to, the times when stock options shall be granted or shall become exercisable, the maximum number of shares subject to each stock option, and the purchase price, will be at the sole discretion of the Administrator; (iii) the value of these Options is an extraordinary item of compensation which is outside the scope of your employment contract, if any; (iv) the value of these Options is not part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purpose, including, but not limited to, calculating any termination, severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service payments or similar payments, or bonuses, longservice awards, pension or retirement benefits; (v) the vesting of these Options ceases upon termination of employment with the Company or transfer of employment from the Company, or other cessation of eligibility for any reason, except as may otherwise be explicitly provided in this Agreement; (vi) if the underlying Common Stock does not increase in value, these Options will have no value, nor does the Company guarantee any future value; and (vii) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages arises if these Options do not increase in value and you irrevocably release the Company from any such claim that does arise.

18. Personal Data. For the purpose of implementing, administering and managing these Options, you, by execution of the Notice, consent to the collection, receipt, use, retention and transfer, in electronic or other form, of your personal data by and among the Company and its third-party vendors or any potential party to any Change in Control transaction or capital raising transaction involving the Company. You understand that personal data (including but not limited to, name, home address, telephone number, employee number, employment status, social security number, tax identification number, date of birth, nationality, job and payroll location, data for tax withholding purposes and shares awarded, cancelled, exercised, vested and unvested) may be transferred to third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of these Options and the Plan and you expressly authorize such transfer as well as the retention, use, and the subsequent transfer of the data by the recipient(s). You understand that these recipients may be located in your country or elsewhere, and that the recipient's country may have different date private date private date private date on the part of the other actions.

long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage these Options. You understand that you may, at any time, request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the personal data, view data, request additional information about the storage and processing of data, require any necessary amendments to data or refuse or withdraw the consents herein, in any case without cost, by contacting in writing the Company's Secretary. You understand, however, that refusing or withdrawing your consent may affect your ability to accept a stock option.

19. <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, construction and effect of this Agreement, and of any determinations or decisions made by the Administrator relating to this Agreement, and the rights of any and all persons having or claiming to have any interest under this Agreement, shall be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota, without regard to its provisions concerning the applicability of laws of other jurisdictions. As a condition of this Agreement, you agree that you will not bring any action arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement in any court other than a federal or state court in New Jersey, and you hereby agree and submit to the personal jurisdiction of any federal or state court in New Jersey. You further agree that you will not deny or attempt to defeat such personal jurisdiction or object to venue by motion or other request for leave from any such court.

20. <u>Resolution of Disputes</u>. Any dispute or disagreement which shall arise under, or as a result of, or pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement shall be determined by the Administrator in good faith in its absolute and uncontrolled discretion, and any such determination or any other determination by the Administrator under or pursuant to this Agreement and any interpretation by the Administrator of the terms of this Agreement, will be final, binding and conclusive on all persons affected thereby. You agree that before you may bring any legal action arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement you will first exhaust your administrative remedies before the Administrator. You further agree that in the event that the Administrator does not resolve any dispute or disagreement arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement to your satisfaction, no legal action may be commenced or maintained relating to this Agreement more than twenty-four (24) months after the Administrator's decision.

21. <u>Headings</u>. The headings in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

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GLOSSARY

(a) "Administrator" means the Board or the committee(s) or officer(s) appointed by the Board that have authority to administer the Plan.

(b) "Affiliate" means any entity, whether now or hereafter existing, which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, Axogen, Inc. For this purpose, "control" means ownership of 50% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock or interests of the entity.

(c) "Cause" has the meaning ascribed to such term or words of similar import in your written employment or service contract with the Company as in effect at the time at issue and, in the absence of such agreement or definition, means your (i) conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or crime involving moral turpitude; (ii) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of the Company, any affiliate, customer or vendor; (iii) personal dishonesty, incompetence, willful misconduct, willful violation of any law, rule or regulation (other than minor traffic violations or similar offenses) or breach of fiduciary duty which involves personal profit; (iv) willful misconduct in connection with your duties or willful failure to perform your responsibilities in the best interests of the Company; (v) illegal use or distribution of drugs; (vi) violation of any Company rule, regulation, procedure or policy; or (vii) breach of any provision of any employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation or other similar agreement executed by you for the benefit of the Company, all as determined by the Administrator, which determination will be conclusive.

- (d) "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.
- (e) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(f) "Company" includes Axogen, Inc. and its Affiliates, except where the context otherwise requires. For purposes of determining whether a Change in Control has occurred, Company shall mean only Axogen, Inc.

(g) "Fair Market Value" of a share of Common Stock generally means either the closing price or the average of the high and low sale price per share of Common Stock on the relevant date, as determined in the Administrator's discretion, as reported by the principal market or exchange upon which the Common Stock is listed or admitted for trade. Refer to the Plan for a detailed definition of Fair Market Value, including how Fair Market Value is determined in the event that no sale of Common Stock is reported on the relevant date.

(h) "Qualified Retirement" means the termination of your Service after attainment of age sixty (60) with at least ten (10) years of continuous service, provided that: (i) as a Vice-President or above, if you elect to terminate your Service voluntarily, you have provided the Company with at least [six (6) / twelve (12)]² months' advance notice of your retirement date or such other term of advance notice as is determined by the Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company; (ii) as a Vice-President or above, if the Company elected to terminate your Service, such termination is without Cause and (iii) during the three (3) years prior to the year in which such termination of Service occurs, you have maintained consistent historical performance reviews.

(i) "Service" means your employment or other service relationship with the Company and its Affiliates. Your Service will be considered to have ceased with the Company and its Affiliates if, immediately after a sale, merger or other corporate transaction, the trade, business or entity with which you are employed or otherwise have a service relationship is not the Company or its successor or an Affiliate of the Company or its successor.

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² Notice period to be 12 months for C-suite executives and 6 months for other VPs.

(j) "Shares" mean the shares of Common Stock underlying the Options.

(k) "Stock Option Notice" means the written notice evidencing the award of the Options that correlates with and makes up a part of this Agreement.

- (I) "Termination of Service" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.
- (m) "Total and Permanent Disability" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.

(n) "You"; "Your" means the recipient of the award of Options as reflected on the Stock Option Notice. Whenever the Agreement refers to "you" under circumstances where the provision should logically be construed, as determined by the Administrator, to apply to your estate, personal representative, or beneficiary to whom the Options may be transferred by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, the word "you" shall be deemed to include such person.



EXERCISE FORM

Administrator of Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan c/o Office of the Corporate Secretary Axogen, Inc. 13631 Progress Blvd. Suite 400 Alachua, FL 32615

Gentlemen:

I hereby exercise the Options granted to me on ______, ____, by Axogen, Inc. (the "Company"), subject to all the terms and provisions of the applicable grant agreement and of the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan, and notify you of my desire to purchase ______ shares of Common Stock of the Company at a price of \$_____ per share pursuant to the exercise of said Options.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

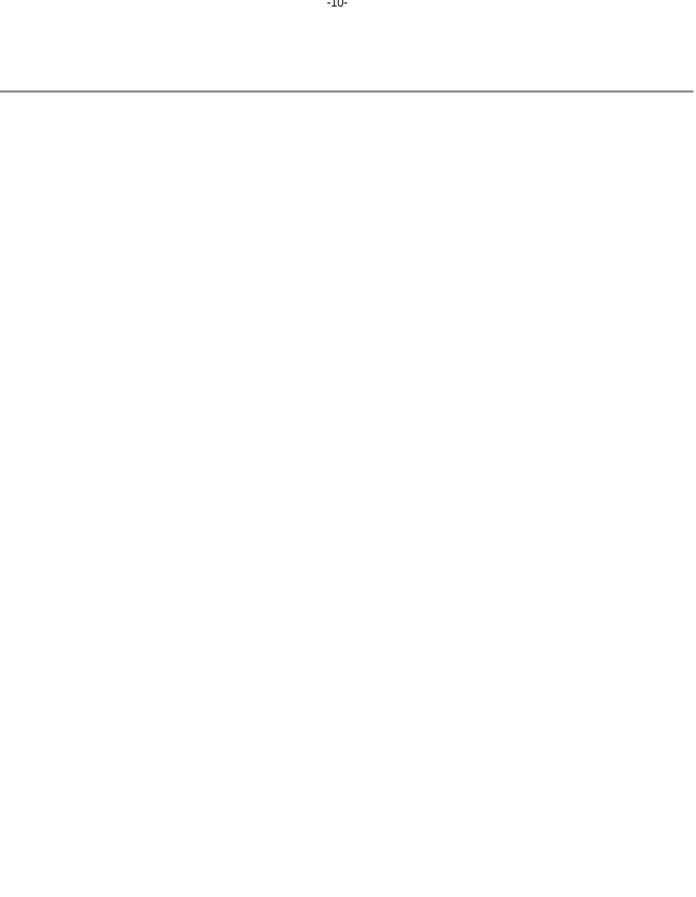
Date:_____

(Optionee)

Received by AXOGEN, INC. on

Ву:_____

______Y _____



AXOGEN, INC. PREMIUM INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION NOTICE

This Notice evidences the award of stock options (each, an "Option" or collectively, the "Options") that have been granted to you, [NAME], subject to and conditioned upon your agreement to the terms of the attached Incentive Stock Option Agreement (the "Agreement"). The Options entitle you to purchase shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Axogen, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (the "Company"), under the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The number of shares you may purchase and the exercise price at which you may purchase them are specified below. This Notice constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of the Agreement and the Plan, which are incorporated by reference herein. You must return an executed copy of this Notice to the Company within 30 days of the date hereof. If you fail to do so, the Options may be rendered null and void in the Company's discretion.

Grant Date: [GRANT DATE]

Vesting Commencement Date: [INSERT DATE]

Number of Options: [NUMBER] Options, each permitting the purchase of one Share

Exercise Price: \$[PRICE] per share

Expiration Date: The Options expire at 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the [10th] anniversary of the Grant Date (the "Expiration Date"), unless fully exercised or terminated earlier.

Exercisability Schedule: Subject to the terms and conditions described in the Agreement, the Options become exercisable in accordance with the schedule below:¹

The extent to which the Options are exercisable as of a particular date is rounded down to the nearest whole share. However, exercisability is rounded up to 100% on the 4th anniversary of the Grant Date.

AXOGEN, INC.

By: _____

Date:

I acknowledge that I have carefully read the attached Agreement and the prospectus for the Plan and agree to be bound by all of the provisions set forth in these documents.

¹ The vesting schedule shall be structured such that 25% of the Options shall vest on the first anniversary of the Grant Date and 25% of the Options shall vest on each annual anniversary thereafter until vested in full on the

fourth anniversary of the Grant Date, unless an alternative vesting schedule is approved by the Administrator.

Enclosures: Incentive Stock Option Agreement Prospectus for the Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan Exercise Form

INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT UNDER THE AXOGEN, INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED 2019 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

1. <u>Terminology</u>. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement are defined in the correlating Stock Option Notice and/or the Glossary at the end of the Agreement.

2. Exercise of Options.

(a) <u>Exercisability</u>. The Options will become exercisable in accordance with the Exercisability Schedule set forth in the Stock Option Notice, so long as (i) you are in the Service of the Company from the Grant Date through the applicable exercisability dates, or (ii) your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Qualified Retirement in the manner set forth in Section 3(b) below. None of the Options will become exercisable after your Service with the Company ceases, unless the Stock Option Notice provides otherwise with respect to exercisability that arises as a result of your cessation of Service, or unless your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Qualified Retirement in the manner set forth in Section 3(b) below.

Right to Exercise. You may exercise the Options, to the extent exercisable, at any (b) time on or before 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the Expiration Date or the earlier termination of the Options, unless otherwise provided under applicable law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time the Administrator determines that the delivery of Shares under the Plan or this Agreement is or may be unlawful under the laws of any applicable jurisdiction, or federal, state or foreign securities laws, the right to exercise the Options or receive Shares pursuant to the Options shall be suspended until the Administrator determines that such delivery is lawful. If at any time the Administrator determines that the delivery of Shares under the Plan or this Agreement is or may violate the rules of the national securities exchange on which the shares are then listed for trade, the right to exercise the Options or receive Shares pursuant to the Options shall be suspended until the Administrator determines that such exercise or delivery would not violate such rules. Section 3 below describes certain limitations on exercise of the Options that apply in the event of your death, Total and Permanent Disability, Termination of Service or Qualified Retirement. The Options may be exercised only in multiples of whole Shares and may not be exercised at any one time as to fewer than one hundred Shares (or such lesser number of Shares as to which the Options are then exercisable). No fractional Shares will be issued under the Options.

(c) <u>Exercise Procedure</u>. In order to exercise the Options, you must provide the following items to the Secretary of the Company or his or her delegate before the expiration or termination of the Options:

- notice, in such manner and form as the Administrator may require from time to time, specifying the number of Shares to be purchased under the Options; and
- (ii) full payment of the Exercise Price for the Shares or properly executed, irrevocable instructions, in such manner and form as the Administrator may require from time to time, to effectuate a broker-assisted cashless exercise, each in accordance with Section 2(d) of this Agreement.

An exercise will not be effective until the Secretary of the Company or his or her delegate receives all of the foregoing items, and such exercise otherwise is permitted under and complies with all applicable federal, state and foreign securities laws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Administrator permits payment by means of delivering properly executed, irrevocable instructions, in such manner and form as the Administrator may require from time to time, to effectuate a broker-assisted cashless exercise and such instructions provide for sale of Shares under a limit order rather than at the market, the exercise will not be effective until the earlier of the date the Company receives delivery of cash or cash equivalents in full

instruction has been fulfilled, and the exercise will not be effective unless the earlier of such dates occurs on or before termination of the Options.

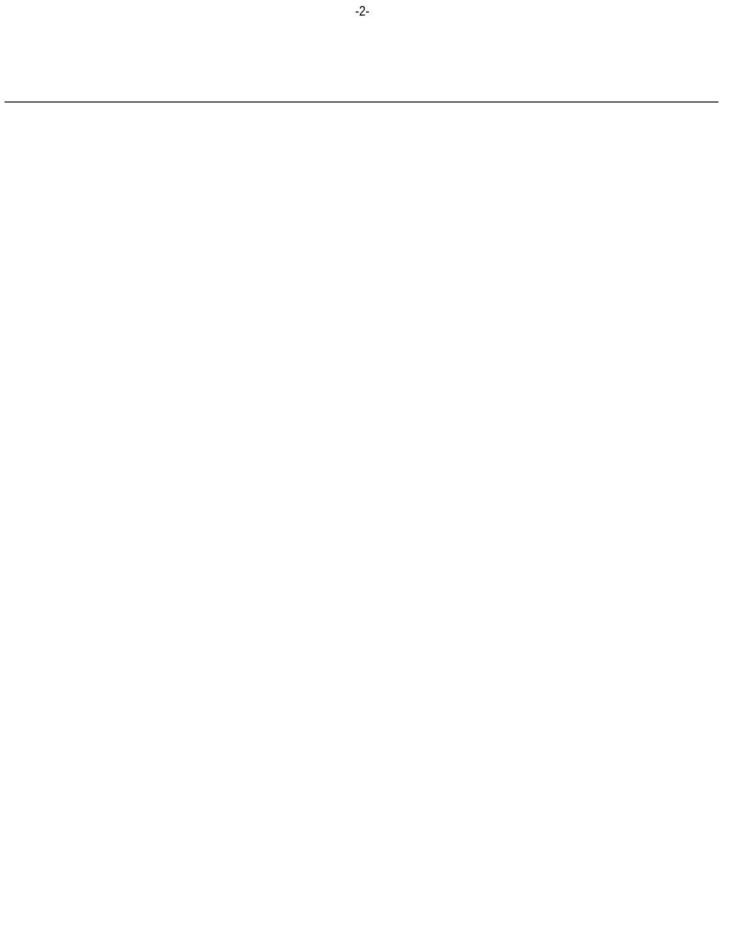
- (d) <u>Method of Payment</u>. You may pay the Exercise Price by:
 - delivery of cash, certified or cashier's check, money order or other cash equivalent acceptable to the Administrator in its discretion;
 - a broker-assisted cashless exercise in accordance with Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System through a brokerage firm designated or approved by the Administrator;
 - (iii) subject to such limits as the Administrator may impose from time to time, tender (via actual delivery or attestation) to the Company of other shares of Common Stock of the Company which have a Fair Market Value on the date of tender equal to the Exercise Price;
 - subject to such limits as the Administrator may impose from time to time, net share settlement with respect to any portions of the Options that do not qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of Code section 422;
 - (v) any other method approved by the Administrator; or
 - (vi) any combination of the foregoing.

(e) <u>Issuance of Shares upon Exercise</u>. The Company shall issue to you the Shares underlying the Options you exercise as soon as practicable after the exercise date, subject to the Company's receipt of the aggregate exercise price and the requisite withholding taxes, if any. Upon issuance of such Shares, the Company may deliver, subject to the provisions of Section 7 below, such Shares on your behalf electronically to the Company's designated stock plan administrator or such other broker-dealer as the Company may choose at its sole discretion, within reason, or may retain such Shares in uncertificated book-entry form. Any share certificates delivered will, unless the Shares are registered or an exemption from registration is available under applicable federal and state law, bear a legend restricting transferability of such Shares.

3. <u>Termination of Service</u>.

(a) <u>Termination of Unexercisable Options</u>. Except as otherwise provided in Section 3(b) below, if your Service with the Company ceases for any reason, the Options that are then unexercisable, after giving effect to any exercise acceleration provisions set forth on the Stock Option Notice, will terminate immediately upon such cessation.

(b) <u>Qualified Retirement</u>. If your title with the Company as of the Grant Date of the Options is Vice President or above, if your Service with the Company ceases by reason of a Qualified Retirement, and such Qualified Retirement occurs on a date that is at least six (6) months following the Grant Date, the Options that are unexercisable on the date of such Qualified Retirement will continue to become vested and exercisable in accordance with the Exercisability Schedule set forth in the Stock Option Notice; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that all vesting shall cease and any remaining Options that are then unexercisable will terminate immediately upon your death. In addition, upon such termination of Service due to a Qualified Retirement, the Options that are exercisable as of such termination of Service, and such Options that become vested and exercisable following the date of such Qualified Retirement will terminate upon the earliest of (i) 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the Expiration Date, (ii) the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of such Qualified Retirement or (iii) the expiration of 12 months following your death.



(c) <u>Exercise Period Following Termination of Service</u>. Except as set forth in Section 3(b) above, if your Service with the Company ceases for any reason other than discharge for Cause, the Options that are then exercisable, after giving effect to any exercise acceleration provisions set forth on the Stock Option Notice, will terminate upon the earliest of:

- the expiration of 90 days following such cessation, if your Service ceases on account of (1) your termination by the Company other than a discharge for Cause, or (2) your voluntary termination other than for Total and Permanent Disability or death;
- (ii) the expiration of 12 months following such cessation, if your Service ceases on account of your Total and Permanent Disability or death;
- (iii) the expiration of 12 months following your death, if your death occurs during the periods described in clauses (i) or (ii) of this Section 3(c), as applicable; or
- (iv) 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the Expiration Date.

In the event of your death, the exercisable Options may be exercised by your executor, personal representative, or the person(s) to whom the Options are transferred by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

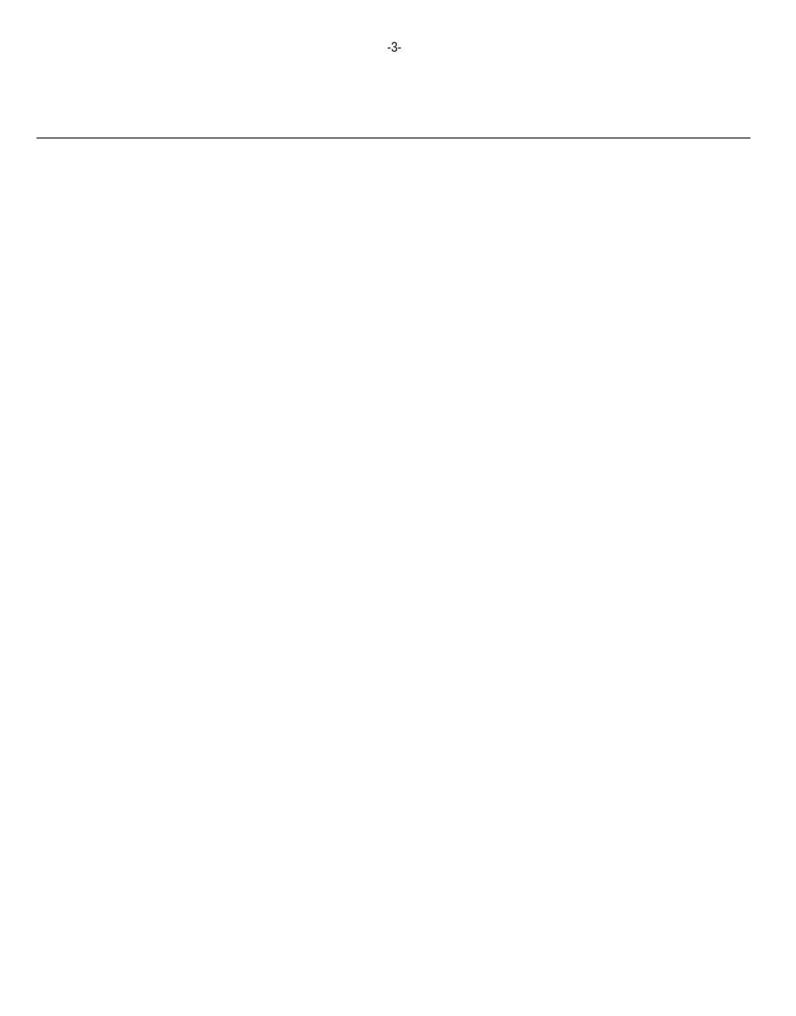
(d) <u>Misconduct</u>. The Options will terminate in their entirety, regardless of whether the Options are then exercisable, immediately upon your discharge from Service for Cause, or upon your commission of any of the following acts during the exercise period following your Termination of Service: (i) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of the Company, or (ii) your breach of any provision of Section 11 of this Agreement or any employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation, assignment of inventions, or other similar agreement executed by you for the benefit of the Company, as determined by the Administrator, which determination will be conclusive.

(e) <u>Changes in Status</u>. If you cease to be a "common law employee" of the Company but you continue to provide bona fide services to the Company following such cessation in a different capacity, including without limitation as a director, consultant or independent contractor, then a Termination of Service shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of this Section 3 upon such change in capacity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Options shall not be treated as incentive stock options within the meaning of Code section 422 with respect to any exercise that occurs more than three months after such cessation of the common law employee relationship (except as otherwise permitted under Code section 421 or 422). In the event that your Service is with a business, trade or entity that, after the Grant Date, ceases for any reason to be part or an Affiliate of the Company, your Service does not continue uninterrupted immediately thereafter with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company.

4. <u>Nontransferability of Options</u>. These Options and, before exercise, the underlying Shares are nontransferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and during your lifetime, the Options may be exercised only by you or, during the period you are under a legal disability, by your guardian or legal representative. Except as provided above, the Options may not be assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or disposed of in any way (whether by operation of law or otherwise) and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process.

5. Qualified Nature of the Options.

(a) <u>General Status</u>. The Options are intended to qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of Code section 422 ("Incentive Stock Options"), to the fullest extent permitted by Code section 422, and this Agreement shall be so construed. The Company, however, does not warrant



any particular tax consequences of the Options. Code section 422 provides limitations, not set forth in this Agreement, respecting the treatment of the Options as Incentive Stock Options. You should consult with your personal tax advisors in this regard.

(b) <u>Post-Termination Exercise Period</u>. To obtain the federal income tax advantage associate with an Incentive Stock Option, the Code requires that at all times beginning on the Date of Grant and ending on the day three (3) months before the date of exercise of your Options, you must be an employee of the Company or an Affiliate, except in the event of your death or Disability. The Company has provided for extended exercisability of your Options under certain circumstances for your benefit, but makes no assurances that your Options will necessarily be treated as Incentive Stock Options if you continue to provide Service to the Company or an Affiliate in any capacity after your employment terminates, if Section 3(b) of the Agreement applies or if you otherwise exercise your Options more than three (3) months after the date your employment with the Company or an Affiliate terminates.

(c) <u>Code Section 422(d) Limitation</u>. Pursuant to Code section 422(d), the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the Grant Date) of shares of Common Stock with respect to which all Incentive Stock Options first become exercisable by you in any calendar year under the Plan or any other plan of the Company (and its parent and subsidiary corporations, within the meaning of Code section 424(e) and (f), as may exist from time to time) may not exceed \$100,000 or such other amount as may be permitted from time to time under Code section 422. To the extent that such aggregate fair market value exceeds \$100,000 or other applicable amount in any calendar year, such stock options will be treated as nonstatutory stock options with respect to the amount of aggregate fair market value thereof that exceeds the Code section 422(d) limit. For this purpose, the Incentive Stock Options will be taken into account in the order in which they were granted. In such case, the Company may designate the shares of Common Stock that are to be treated as stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options and the shares of Common Stock that are to be treated as stock acquired pursuant to nonstatutory stock options by issuing separate certificates for such shares and identifying the certificates as such in the stock transfer records of the Company.

(d) <u>Significant Stockholders</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or the Stock Option Notice to the contrary, if you own, directly or indirectly through attribution, stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries (within the meaning of Code section 424(f)) on the Grant Date, then the Exercise Price is the greater of (a) the Exercise Price stated on the Stock Option Notice or (b) 110% of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the Grant Date, and the Expiration Date is the last business day prior to the fifth anniversary of the Grant Date.

(e) <u>Disqualifying Dispositions</u>. If you make a disposition (as that term is defined in Code section 424(c)) of any Shares acquired pursuant to the Options within two years of the Grant Date or within one year after the Shares are transferred to you, you must notify the Company of such disposition in writing within 30 days of the disposition. The Administrator may, in its discretion, take reasonable steps to ensure notification of such dispositions, including but not limited to requiring that Shares acquired under the Options be held in an account with a Company-designated broker-dealer until they are sold.

6. Withholding of Taxes.

(a) At the time the Options are exercised, in whole or in part, or at any time thereafter as requested by the Company, you hereby authorize withholding from payroll or any other payment of any kind due to you and otherwise agree to make adequate provision for foreign, federal, state and local taxes required by law to be withheld, if any, which arise in connection with the Options (including upon a disqualifying disposition within the meaning of Code section 421(b)). The Company may require you to make a cash payment to cover any withholding tax obligation as a condition of exercise of the Options or issuance of share certificates representing Shares.

(b) The Administrator may, in its sole discretion, permit you to satisfy, in whole or in

part, any withholding tax obligation which may arise in connection with the Options either by electing to

have the Company withhold from the Shares to be issued upon exercise that number of Shares, or by electing to deliver to the Company already-owned shares, in either case having a Fair Market Value not in excess of the amount necessary to satisfy the statutory minimum withholding amount due.

7. <u>Adjustments</u>. The Administrator may make various adjustments to your Options, including adjustments to the number and type of securities subject to the Options and the Exercise Price, in accordance with the terms of the Plan. In the event of any transaction resulting in a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan) of the Company, the outstanding Options will terminate upon the effective time of such Change in Control unless provision is made in connection with the transaction for the continuation or assumption of such Options by, or for the substitution of the equivalent awards of, the surviving or successor entity or a parent thereof. In the event of such termination, you will be permitted, immediately before the Change in Control, to exercise or convert all portions of such Options that are then exercisable, or which become exercisable upon or prior to the effective time of the Change in Control.

8. <u>Non-Guarantee of Employment or Service Relationship</u>. Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement will alter your at-will or other employment status or other service relationship with the Company, nor be construed as a contract of employment or service relationship between you and the Company, or as a contractual right for you to continue in the employ of, or in a service relationship with, the Company for any period of time, or as a limitation of the right of the Company to discharge you at any time with or without Cause or notice and whether or not such discharge results in the failure of any of the Options to become exercisable or any other adverse effect on your interests under the Plan.

9. <u>No Rights as a Stockholder</u>. You shall not have any of the rights of a stockholder with respect to the Shares until such Shares have been issued to you upon the due exercise of the Options. No adjustment will be made for dividends or distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such Shares are issued.

10. <u>The Company's Rights</u>. The existence of the Options shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to make or authorize any or all adjustments, recapitalizations, reorganizations or other changes in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any merger or consolidation of the Company, or any issue of bonds, debentures, preferred or other stocks with preference ahead of or convertible into, or otherwise affecting the Common Stock or the rights thereof, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of the Company's assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.

11. <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>. You hereby agree to the following restrictive covenants as consideration of the grant of the Options:

(a) You hereby agree and acknowledge that the grant of the Options is conditioned upon your continued compliance with any and all confidentiality, non-compete and/or non-solicitation covenants and restrictions contained in any separate agreement between you and the Company, and if you breach any of such covenants or restrictions, upon written notice delivered to you: (i) the entirety of the Company's obligations under this Agreement and the Plan shall terminate in their entirety, (ii) the Options will terminate in their entirety in accordance with Section 3(d) above, and (iii) you shall have no further rights or privileges under this Agreement or the Plan.

12. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, together with the correlating Stock Option Notice and the Plan, contain the entire agreement between you and the Company with respect to the Options. Any oral or written agreements, representations, warranties, written inducements, or other communications made prior to the execution of this Agreement with respect to the Options shall be void and ineffective for all purposes.

13. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended from time to time by the Administrator in its discretion; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this Agreement may not be modified in a manner that would have a materially adverse effect on the Options or Shares as determined in the discretion of the Administrator,

except as provided in the Plan or in a written document signed by you and the Company.

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14. <u>Conformity with Plan</u>. This Agreement is intended to conform in all respects with, and is subject to all applicable provisions of, the Plan. Any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Plan shall be resolved in accordance with the terms of the Plan. In the event of any ambiguity in this Agreement or any matters as to which this Agreement is silent, the Plan shall govern. A copy of the Plan is available upon request to the Administrator.

15. <u>Section 409A</u>. This Agreement and the Options granted hereunder are intended to comply with, or otherwise be exempt from, Section 409A of the Code. This Agreement and the Options shall be administered, interpreted and construed in a manner consistent with this intent. Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement shall be construed as including any feature for the deferral of compensation other than the deferral of recognition of income until the exercise of the Options. Should any provision of the Plan or this Agreement be found not to comply with, or otherwise be exempt from, the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, it may be modified and given effect, in the sole discretion of the Administrator and without requiring your consent, in such manner as the Administrator determines to be necessary or appropriate to comply with, or to effectuate an exemption from, Section 409A of the Code. The foregoing, however, shall not be construed as a guarantee or warranty by the Company of any particular tax effect to you.

16. <u>Electronic Delivery of Documents</u>. By your signing the Notice, you (i) consent to the electronic delivery of this Agreement, all information with respect to the Plan and the Options, and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders; (ii) acknowledge that you may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents delivered electronically at no cost to you by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing; (iii) further acknowledge that you may revoke your consent to the electronic delivery of documents at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent by telephone, postal service or electronic mail; and (iv) further acknowledge that you understand that you are not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents.

17. No Future Entitlement. By execution of the Notice, you acknowledge and agree that: (i) the grant of these Options is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of stock options, or compensation in lieu of stock options, even if stock options have been granted repeatedly in the past; (ii) all determinations with respect to any such future grants, including, but not limited to, the times when stock options shall be granted or shall become exercisable, the maximum number of shares subject to each stock option, and the purchase price, will be at the sole discretion of the Administrator; (iii) the value of these Options is an extraordinary item of compensation which is outside the scope of your employment contract, if any; (iv) the value of these Options is not part of normal or expected compensation or salary for any purpose, including, but not limited to, calculating any termination, severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service payments or similar payments, or bonuses, longservice awards, pension or retirement benefits; (v) the vesting of these Options ceases upon termination of employment with the Company or transfer of employment from the Company, or other cessation of eligibility for any reason, except as may otherwise be explicitly provided in this Agreement; (vi) if the underlying Common Stock does not increase in value, these Options will have no value, nor does the Company guarantee any future value; and (vii) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages arises if these Options do not increase in value and you irrevocably release the Company from any such claim that does arise.

18. Personal Data. For the purpose of implementing, administering and managing these Options, you, by execution of the Notice, consent to the collection, receipt, use, retention and transfer, in electronic or other form, of your personal data by and among the Company and its third-party vendors or any potential party to any Change in Control transaction or capital raising transaction involving the Company. You understand that personal data (including but not limited to, name, home address, telephone number, employee number, employment status, social security number, tax identification number, date of birth, nationality, job and payroll location, data for tax withholding purposes and shares awarded, cancelled, exercised, vested and unvested) may be transferred to third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of these Options and the Plan and you expressly authorize such transfer as well as the retention, use, and the subsequent transfer of the data by the recipient(s). You understand that these recipients may be located in your country or elsewhere, and that the recipient's country may have different date private date private date private date on the part of the other actions.

long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage these Options. You understand that you may, at any time, request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the personal data, view data, request additional information about the storage and processing of data, require any necessary amendments to data or refuse or withdraw the consents herein, in any case without cost, by contacting in writing the Company's Secretary. You understand, however, that refusing or withdrawing your consent may affect your ability to accept a stock option.

19. <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, construction and effect of this Agreement, and of any determinations or decisions made by the Administrator relating to this Agreement, and the rights of any and all persons having or claiming to have any interest under this Agreement, shall be determined exclusively in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota, without regard to its provisions concerning the applicability of laws of other jurisdictions. As a condition of this Agreement, you agree that you will not bring any action arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement in any court other than a federal or state court in New Jersey, and you hereby agree and submit to the personal jurisdiction of any federal or state court in New Jersey. You further agree that you will not deny or attempt to defeat such personal jurisdiction or object to venue by motion or other request for leave from any such court.

20. <u>Resolution of Disputes</u>. Any dispute or disagreement which shall arise under, or as a result of, or pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement shall be determined by the Administrator in good faith in its absolute and uncontrolled discretion, and any such determination or any other determination by the Administrator under or pursuant to this Agreement and any interpretation by the Administrator of the terms of this Agreement, will be final, binding and conclusive on all persons affected thereby. You agree that before you may bring any legal action arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement you will first exhaust your administrative remedies before the Administrator. You further agree that in the event that the Administrator does not resolve any dispute or disagreement arising under, as a result of, pursuant to or relating to, this Agreement to your satisfaction, no legal action may be commenced or maintained relating to this Agreement more than twenty-four (24) months after the Administrator's decision.

21. <u>Headings</u>. The headings in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

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GLOSSARY

(a) "Administrator" means the Board or the committee(s) or officer(s) appointed by the Board that have authority to administer the Plan.

(b) "Affiliate" means any entity, whether now or hereafter existing, which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, Axogen, Inc. For this purpose, "control" means ownership of 50% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock or interests of the entity.

(c) "Cause" has the meaning ascribed to such term or words of similar import in your written employment or service contract with the Company as in effect at the time at issue and, in the absence of such agreement or definition, means your (i) conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or crime involving moral turpitude; (ii) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of the Company, any affiliate, customer or vendor; (iii) personal dishonesty, incompetence, willful misconduct, willful violation of any law, rule or regulation (other than minor traffic violations or similar offenses) or breach of fiduciary duty which involves personal profit; (iv) willful misconduct in connection with your duties or willful failure to perform your responsibilities in the best interests of the Company; (v) illegal use or distribution of drugs; (vi) violation of any Company rule, regulation, procedure or policy; or (vii) breach of any provision of any employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation or other similar agreement executed by you for the benefit of the Company, all as determined by the Administrator, which determination will be conclusive.

- (d) "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.
- (e) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(f) "Company" includes Axogen, Inc. and its Affiliates, except where the context otherwise requires. For purposes of determining whether a Change in Control has occurred, Company shall mean only Axogen, Inc.

(g) "Fair Market Value" of a share of Common Stock generally means either the closing price or the average of the high and low sale price per share of Common Stock on the relevant date, as determined in the Administrator's discretion, as reported by the principal market or exchange upon which the Common Stock is listed or admitted for trade. Refer to the Plan for a detailed definition of Fair Market Value, including how Fair Market Value is determined in the event that no sale of Common Stock is reported on the relevant date.

(h) "Qualified Retirement" means the termination of your Service after attainment of age sixty (60) with at least ten (10) years of continuous service, provided that: (i) as a Vice-President or above, if you elect to terminate your Service voluntarily, you have provided the Company with at least [six (6) / twelve (12)]² months' advance notice of your retirement date or such other term of advance notice as is determined by the Chief Human Resources Officer of the Company; (ii) as a Vice-President or above, if the Company elected to terminate your Service, such termination is without Cause and (iii) during the three (3) years prior to the year in which such termination of Service occurs, you have maintained consistent historical performance reviews.

(i) "Service" means your employment or other service relationship with the Company and its Affiliates. Your Service will be considered to have ceased with the Company and its Affiliates if, immediately after a sale, merger or other corporate transaction, the trade, business or entity with which you are employed or otherwise have a service relationship is not the Company or its successor or an Affiliate of the Company or its successor.

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² Notice period to be 12 months for C-suite executives and 6 months for other VPs.

(j) "Shares" mean the shares of Common Stock underlying the Options.

(k) "Stock Option Notice" means the written notice evidencing the award of the Options that correlates with and makes up a part of this Agreement.

- (I) "Termination of Service" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.
- (m) "Total and Permanent Disability" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.

(n) "You"; "Your" means the recipient of the award of Options as reflected on the Stock Option Notice. Whenever the Agreement refers to "you" under circumstances where the provision should logically be construed, as determined by the Administrator, to apply to your estate, personal representative, or beneficiary to whom the Options may be transferred by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, the word "you" shall be deemed to include such person.



EXERCISE FORM

Administrator of Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan c/o Office of the Corporate Secretary Axogen, Inc. 13631 Progress Blvd. Suite 400 Alachua, FL 32615

Gentlemen:

I hereby exercise the Options granted to me on ______, ____, by Axogen, Inc. (the "Company"), subject to all the terms and provisions of the applicable grant agreement and of the Axogen, Inc. Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan, and notify you of my desire to purchase ______ shares of Common Stock of the Company at a price of \$_____ per share pursuant to the exercise of said Options.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Date:_____

(Optionee)

Received by AXOGEN, INC. on

Ву:_____

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