
**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): December 29, 2017

AXOGEN, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-36046 (Commission File Number)	41-1301878 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
13631 Progress Boulevard, Suite 400, Alachua, Florida (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	32615 (Zip Code)	

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(386) 462-6800

(Former name or former address if changed since last report,)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- 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))

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.

(e)

On December 29, 2017, the Compensation Committee (the “Compensation Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of AxoGen, Inc. (the “Company”) approved certain elements of the compensation payable to the officers named in the table below (collectively, the “Executive Officers”). The following table sets forth the aggregate compensation payable to the Executive Officers for fiscal year 2018, as approved by the Compensation Committee and ratified by the Board.

Name and Principal Position	2018 Base Salary	2018 Target Bonus as Percentage of Base Salary ⁽¹⁾	Stock Option Award ⁽²⁾	2018 Performance Stock Unit Award ⁽³⁾	2018 Restricted Stock Unit Award ⁽⁴⁾
Karen Zaderej CEO and President	\$575,000	75%	75,000 shares	58,000 Units	12,500 Units
Peter Mariani CFO	\$361,200	45%	45,000 shares	13.100 Units	7,600 Units
Gregory G. Freitag General Counsel & SVP of Business Development	\$259,600	45%	22,100 shares	7,400 Units	3,700 Units

1. The Compensation Committee established a bonus award plan for the Company’s officers (the “2018 Bonus Award Plan”), including the Executive Officers, based upon the Company meeting certain established corporate key objectives (the “Key Objectives”) and a final determination by the Board, in its sole discretion, that a bonus granted to a Company officer is appropriate based upon the Company’s 2018 performance. The Key Objectives: (1) relate to revenue and certain operational goals; (2) have established thresholds and target levels; and (3) are weighted and measured separately in terms of actual level of attainment. The amount of any such bonus for a particular eligible officer is based upon an assigned percentage of such officer’s 2018 base salary.
2. Stock option awards were granted to Company officers, including the Executive Officers. The stock option awards were in the form of incentive stock options and were granted pursuant to the AxoGen, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the “Plan”). All of the granted options have a ten-year term and an exercise price of \$27.00 per share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”), underlying the options, which was the closing price of the Common Stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market on December 18, 2017, the date on which the Compensation Committee approved such grants, and vest as to 50% of the shares subject to the option on the second anniversary of the grant date, and as to the remaining 50% of the shares subject to the option in 12.5% increments every six months thereafter until fully vested on December 18, 2021.
3. 2018 performance stock units were granted to Company officers, including the Executive Officers (the “PSU Agreements”). The performance stock unit awards were in the form of performance-based restricted stock units (the “Units”) and were granted pursuant to the Plan. Each Unit represents the Company’s commitment to issue one share of Common Stock (each such share of Common Stock, the “Share”) at a future date, subject to certain eligibility, performance, vesting and other conditions set forth in the Plan and PSU Agreements. For each of Ms. Zaderej, Mr. Mariani and Mr. Freitag, by February 15, 2020, the Compensation Committee of the Board will review the Company’s gross revenue for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. Upon such review, and based upon revenue performance criteria in each PSU Agreement, a determination of the number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the PSU Agreements will be made, which amount could range between zero to 150% of the Units granted. Once the number of Shares has been determined, 33.33% will vest on each of February 15, 2020 and February 15, 2021 and 33.34% will vest on February 15, 2022, provided that the particular Executive Officer has been continuously employed through each vesting date as to the particular number of Shares vesting. In the event of a “Change in Control” (as defined in each PSU Agreement), all or a portion of the Units shall accelerate.

4. 2018 restricted stock units were granted to Company officers, including the Executive Officers (the “RSU Agreements”). The restricted stock unit awards were in the form of retention-based restricted stock units (the “Units”) and were granted pursuant to the Plan. Each Unit represents the Company’s commitment to issue one Share of Common Stock at a future date, subject to certain eligibility, vesting and other conditions set forth in the Plan and RSU Agreements.

A copy of the form of PSU and RSU Agreements will be filed as an exhibit to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2017. The Company intends to seek confidential treatment for certain terms of the PSU Agreement in connection with its filing in accordance with the procedures of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The foregoing description of the terms of the PSU Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such exhibit.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 5, 2018

AXOGEN, INC.

By: /s/ Greg Freitag

Name: Greg Freitag

Title: General Counsel
