# FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zaderej Karen L.				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AxoGen, Inc. [AXGN]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
13631 PROGRESS BOULEVARD, SUITE 400				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/18/2017							X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) CEO					
(Street) ALACHUA, FL 32615				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						_X_ F	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)			(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui						Acquired,	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		I		2A. Deemed Execution Date, ur) any (Month/Day/Ye		te, if Co	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)		I. Secur A) or I	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (nstr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		eneficially (cd (	5. 7. Ownership of Borm: Bo	eneficial wnership
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction Code		5. Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirec Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		piration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 27	12/18/2017		A		75,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/	/18/2027	Common Stock	75,000	\$ 0	75,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	12/18/2017		A		12,500		(3)		(3)	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 0	12,500	D	

## **Reporting Owners**

P ( 0 N / 11	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Zaderej Karen L. 13631 PROGRESS BOULEVARD SUITE 400 ALACHUA, FL 32615	X		CEO				

### **Signatures**

/s/Karen Zaderej	12/20/2017
Signature of Reporting Person	Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- All shares of AxoGen, Inc. common stock underlying the employee stock option will be fully vested on December 18, 2021 (4 years from the option grant date) based upon a vesting (1) schedule whereby 50% of the aggregate shares vest on December 18, 2019 (24 months from the option grant date) and an additional 12.5% of the aggregate shares vest each 6 months thereafter.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AxoGen, Inc. common stock.
  - All shares of AxoGen Inc. common stock underlying the restricted stock Units will be fully vested on December 18, 2021 (4 years from the grant date) based upon a vesting schedule

(3) whereby 50% of the aggregate shares vest on December 18, 2019 (24 months from the grant date) and an additional 25% of the aggregate shares vest each 12 months thereafter. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person upon the vesting date.

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