SEVERINO MICHAEL

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SEVERINO MICHAEL Issuer Symbol AbbVie Inc. [ABBV] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 1 N. WAUKEGAN ROAD 02/15/2018 below) EVP, R&D and CSO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-Do | erivative S | ecurit | ies Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value | 02/15/2018 | | A | 15,375 (1) | A | \$0 | 130,297 | D | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value | 02/15/2018 | | A | 17,319 (2) | A | \$0 | 147,616 | D | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value | 02/15/2018 | | A | 14,991 (<u>3)</u> | A | \$ 0 | 162,607 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exercisable and | | 7. Title and Amount of | |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionDerivative | | Expiration Date | | Underlying Securities | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code Securities | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) | | | | | |
| | Derivative | | | or Disposed of | | | | | |
| | Security | | | (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | (Instr. 3, 4, | | | | | |
| | | | | | and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | 2.1010104010 | 24.0 | | of Shares |
| Option (right to buy) (4) | \$ 114.36 | 02/15/2018 | | A | 46,320 | 02/15/2019 | 02/14/2028 | Common Stock | 46,320 |

Reporting Owners

| Renorting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Kenoriing Owner Name / Address | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SEVERINO MICHAEL EVP, 1 N. WAUKEGAN ROAD R&D and NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064 CSO

Signatures

Steven L. Scrogham, attorney-in-fact for Michael
Severino
02/16/2018

**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).

Represents shares of AbbVie common stock issued under a performance-vested restricted stock unit award granted to the reporting person on February 18, 2016. The award is subject to performance-vesting restrictions based on a relative return on equity measure. The

- (1) performance-vesting restrictions with respect to these shares were released on the date reported in Column 2 above upon certification of performance goal attainment by the Compensation Committee of AbbVie's Board of Directors. The shares will be issued to the reporting person on February 28, 2018.
 - Represents shares of AbbVie common stock issued under a performance share award granted to the reporting person on February 16, 2017. The award is subject to performance-vesting restrictions based on adjusted earnings per share and relative total shareholder return
- (2) measures. The performance-vesting restrictions with respect to these shares were released on the date reported in Column 2 above upon certification of performance goal attainment by the Compensation Committee of AbbVie's Board of Directors. The shares will be issued to the reporting person on February 28, 2018.

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- Represents shares of AbbVie common stock issued under a performance-vested restricted stock unit award granted to the reporting person on February 16, 2017. The award is subject to performance-vesting restrictions based on a relative return on equity measure. The
- (3) performance-vesting restrictions with respect to these shares were released on the date reported in Column 2 above upon certification of performance goal attainment by the Compensation Committee of AbbVie's Board of Directors. The shares will be issued to the reporting person on February 28, 2018.
- Employee stock option granted pursuant to the AbbVie 2013 Incentive Stock Program in a transaction exempt from Section 16 under (4) Rule 16b-3. The option becomes exercisable in annual increments of 15,440 on February 15, 2019, 15,440 on February 15, 2020, and 15,440 on February 15, 2021.

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