Branderiz Eric Form 4 October 26, 2017

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

> Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

10/24/2017

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Branderiz Eric			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			Tesla, Inc. [TSLA]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O TESLA CREEK RO	· ·	DEER	10/24/2017	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Chief Accounting Officer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
PALO ALTO, CA 94304						

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	40.04.004.0		Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	` ,
Stock	10/24/2017		M <u>(1)</u>	1,736 A 181.45	1,736	D	

1,736 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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 181.45	10/24/2017		M	1,736	(2)	11/14/2026	Common Stock	1,73

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Branderiz Eric C/O TESLA INC. 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304

VP, Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

Aaron Beckman, Power of Attorney for Eric Branderiz

10/26/2017

**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).
- (1) The exercise and sale transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 9, 2017.
- (2) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option became vested and exercisable on 10/24/2017 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable every month thereafter.

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