

Schroeder J Michael
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Schroeder J Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3680 VICTORIA STREET N
 (Street)

SHOREVIEW, MN 55126

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DELUXE CORP [DLX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/19/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP, General Counsel & Secy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2018 | | A | 236 A 11 | 3,592 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2018 | | F | 118 D \$ 77.36 | 3,474 (2) | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | | | | | ⁽³⁾ 01/25/2018 | Common Stock | 442 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ 01/24/2019 | Common Stock | 520 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 58.93 | | | | | 07/07/2015 ⁽⁵⁾ 07/07/2021 | Common Stock | 554 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 67.08 | | | | | 02/12/2016 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/12/2022 | Common Stock | 1,069 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 54.3 | | | | | 02/17/2017 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/17/2023 | Common Stock | 9,088 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 75.61 | | | | | 02/23/2018 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/23/2024 | Common Stock | 5,828 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Schroeder J Michael 3680 VICTORIA STREET N SHOREVIEW, MN 55126 | | | SVP, General Counsel & Secy | |

Signatures

J. Michael
Schroeder

01/23/2018

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This award reflects the settlement of performance share units that were determined to vest based on the level of achievement of the specified performance targets.

(2) Total ownership includes 2,971 shares of restricted stock.

(3) Restricted Stock Units were awarded on 1/25/16 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be converted into common stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an advance election by executive to receive a portion of their 2015 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.

(4) Restricted Stock Units were awarded on 1/24/17 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be converted into common stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an advance election by executive to receive a portion of their 2016 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.

(5) Options vest in three equal installments on the three succeeding anniversary dates of grant, provided the holder remains in the employ of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).

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