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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Schroeder J Michael Issuer Symbol DELUXE CORP [DLX] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title . \_ Other (specify 3680 VICTORIA STREET N 01/25/2018 below) SVP, General Counsel & Secy (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 SHOREVIEW, MN 55126 Person

(City)	(State) (	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y 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. Securi n(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/25/2018		M	442	A	<u>(1)</u>	3,916	D	
Common Stock	01/25/2018		F	220	D	\$ 73.51	3,696 <u>(2)</u>	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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Deri Secu Acq (A) o Disp of (I	ivative urities quired or posed D) tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	01/25/2018		M		442	<u>(3)</u>	01/25/2018	Common Stock	442
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (4)						<u>(4)</u>	01/24/2019	Common Stock	520
Common Stock Option	\$ 58.93						07/07/2015 <u>(5)</u>	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						
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Schroeder J Michael 3680 VICTORIA STREET N SHOREVIEW, MN 55126			SVP, General Counsel & Secy				

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### **Signatures**

J. Michael Schroeder 01/26/2018

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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).
- Vesting and conversion into shares on a one-for-one basis of restricted stock units awarded on 1/25/16 under the Company's Long Term

  (1) Incentive Plan. Award of units resulted from an election by executive to receive certain 2015 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.
- (2) Total ownership includes 2,971 shares of restricted stock.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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