

DELUXE CORP
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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 *
Merritt Edward A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH
(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)
02/23/2017

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)
Treasurer, VP of IR and CFO

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2017		A	397 A \$ 0	5,614 ⁽¹⁾	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)

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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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					⁽²⁾ 01/25/2018	Common Stock	2,688
Common Stock Option	\$ 42.52					08/14/2014 ⁽³⁾ 08/14/2020	Common Stock	4,992
Common Stock Option	\$ 50.32					02/27/2015 ⁽³⁾ 02/27/2021	Common Stock	1,804
Common Stock Option	\$ 67.08					02/12/2016 ⁽³⁾ 02/12/2022	Common Stock	1,497
Common Stock Option	\$ 54.3					02/17/2017 ⁽³⁾ 02/17/2023	Common Stock	2,545
Common Stock Option	\$ 75.61	02/23/2017		A	1,943	02/23/2018 ⁽³⁾ 02/23/2024	Common Stock	1,943

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merritt Edward A 3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH SHOREVIEW, MN 55126			Treasurer, VP of IR and CFO	

Signatures

J. Michael Schroeder as Power of Attorney for Edward A. Merritt 02/27/2017

__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) Total ownership includes 1,636 shares of restricted stock and 196 shares purchased under the ESPP on 1/31/2017.

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 Comany 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.

(3) 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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