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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Cue Eduardo I	•	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLE INC [AAPL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
1 INFINITE LOOP			(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2015	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CUPERTINO, CA 95014			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - No	on-I	Derivative (Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) onor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/01/2015		M		92,764	A	(1)	92,764	D	
Common Stock (2)	10/01/2015		F		47,223	D	\$ 109.58	45,541	D	
Common Stock (3)	10/01/2015		G	V	45,541	D	\$ 0	0	D	
Common Stock (3)	10/01/2015		G	V	45,541	A	\$ 0	246,177	I	By Trust

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 of orDerivative 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)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	10/01/2015		M	92,764	(4)(5)(6)(7)	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	92,764	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cue Eduardo H 1 INFINITE LOOP CUPERTINO, CA 95014

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Sam Whittington, Attorney-in-Fact for Eduardo H. Cue

10/05/2015

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, at settlement, one share of common stock. This transaction represents the settlement of restricted stock units in shares of common stock on their scheduled vesting date.
- (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy the minimum statutory tax withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units. No shares were sold.
- (3) These entries reflect the transfer of securities by the reporting person to a family trust.

This award was granted on March 3, 2014, for a "target number" of 46,382 restricted stock units (adjusted for Apple's 7:1 stock split in June 2014). Between 0% and 200% of the target number of units would vest on October 1, 2015, with the vesting percentage determined based on Apple's total shareholder return (TSR) relative to the other companies in the S&P 500 from September 29, 2013 through September 26, 2015.

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TSR is calculated based on the change in a company's stock price during the two-year period, taking into account any dividends paid during that period, which are assumed to be reinvested in the stock. In accordance with the terms of the award, the beginning value used for calculating TSR is the average closing stock price for the 20 trading days prior to September 29, 2013. Apple's beginning value was calculated to be \$68.67 (adjusted for dividends and Apple's 7:1 stock split in June 2014). Similarly, the ending value used for calculating TSR is the average closing price for the 20 trading days ending on September 26, 2015. Apple's ending value was calculated to be \$117.67 (adjusted for dividends).

This award provided that if Apple's relative TSR performance is ranked at or above the 85th percentile for companies in the S&P 500 for the performance period, 200% of the target number of RSUs vest. If Apple's performance is ranked at or above the 55th percentile, 100% of the target number of RSUs vest. If Apple's performance is ranked at or above the 25th percentile, 25% of the target number of RSUs vest, and if Apple's performance is ranked below the 25th percentile, 0% of the target number of RSUs vest. If Apple's performance is between these levels, the portion of the RSUs that vest is determined on a straight-line basis (i.e., linearly interpolated) between the two nearest vesting percentages.

Apple needed to achieve a TSR of at least 52.73% to rank at or above the 85th percentile for companies in the S&P 500 for the (7) performance period. Apple's TSR for the two-year period was 71.35%, which ranked 38th of the 478 companies that were included in the S&P 500 for the period and placed Apple in the 92nd percentile. Therefore, 92,764 RSUs subject to performance requirements vested.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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