

PETTTIT WILLIAM A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
PETTTIT WILLIAM A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS  
INC [LGND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. V-P, HR and Administration

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		11,411	A	\$ 10.68
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		11,411	D	\$ 11.25
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		17,096	A	\$ 10.68
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		17,096	D	\$ 11.25
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		155	A	\$ 10.68
							12,300
							889
							17,985
							889
							1,044

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Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	155	D	\$ 11.24	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	1,200	A	\$ 10.68	2,089	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 11.31	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	138	A	\$ 10.68	1,027	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	138	D	\$ 11.37	889	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	11,411	01/06/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/06/2011	Common Stock	11,411	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	17,096	01/06/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/06/2011	Common Stock	17,096	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	155	01/06/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/06/2011	Common Stock	155	
	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	1,200	01/06/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/06/2011		1,200	

