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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 7, 2016

## NEPHROGENEX, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-36303 20-1295171 (state or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3200 Beechleaf Court

Suite 900 27604

Raleigh, NC

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (609) 986-1780

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing (a)

On April 7, 2016, NephroGenex, Inc. (the "Company") received written notice from the Listing Qualifications Department of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") notifying the Company that for the preceding 30 consecutive business days, the Company's common stock did not maintain a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 ("Minimum Bid Price Requirement") per share as required by NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). The notice has no immediate effect on the listing or trading of the Company's common stock and the common stock will continue to trade on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "NRX" at this time.

In accordance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company has a grace period of 180 calendar days, or until October 4, 2016, to regain compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). Compliance can be achieved automatically and without further action if the closing bid price of the Company's stock is at or above \$1.00 for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days at any time during the 180-day compliance period, in which case NASDAQ will notify the Company of its compliance and the matter will be closed.

If, however, the Company does not achieve compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement by October 4, 2016, the Company may be eligible for additional time to comply. In order to be eligible for such additional time, the Company will be required to meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other initial listing standards for The NASDAQ Capital Market, with the exception of the Minimum Bid Price Requirement, and must notify NASDAQ in writing of its intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period.

If the Company does not regain compliance within the allotted compliance period(s), including any extensions that may be granted by NASDAQ, NASDAQ will provide notice that the Company's common stock will be subject to delisting. The Company would then be entitled to appeal NASDAQ's determination to a NASDAQ Hearings Panel and request a hearing.

The Company intends to consider available options to resolve the noncompliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement. No determination regarding the Company's response has been made at this time. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to regain compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement or will otherwise be in compliance with other NASDAQ listing criteria.

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## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEPHROGENEX, INC.

Date: April 7, 2016 /s/ Pierre Legault
Pierre Legault

Chief Executive Officer

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