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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McRoberts Malcolm | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DELUXE CORP [DLX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|-------------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middl | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH | | | 01/19/2018 | X Officer (give title Other (specification) Senior Vice President, SBS | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| SHOREVIEW | V, MN 55126 | 6 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (| (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|-----------|------------------|-------------|--|------------------|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | ed of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2018 | | A | 2,823 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 34,129 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2018 | | F | 1,456 | D | \$ 77.36 | 32,673 <u>(2)</u> | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 (3) | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 01/25/2018 | Common Stock | 2,226 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 (4) | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 01/24/2019 | Common Stock | 798 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 38.8 | | | | | 02/20/2014(5) | 02/20/2020 | Common Stock | 21,900 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 50.32 | | | | | 02/27/2015(5) | 02/27/2021 | Common Stock | 12,372 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 67.08 | | | | | 02/12/2016(5) | 02/12/2022 | Common Stock | 12,832 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 54.3 | | | | | 02/17/2017(5) | 02/17/2023 | Common Stock | 26,356 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 75.61 | | | | | 02/23/2018(5) | 02/23/2024 | Common Stock | 14,083 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| McRoberts Malcolm 3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH SHOREVIEW, MN 55126 | | | Senior Vice President, SBS | | | | |

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Signatures

J. Michael Schroeder as Power of Attorney for Malcolm McRoberts

01/23/2018

**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) This award reflects the settlement of performance share units that were determined to vest based on the level of achievement of the specified performance targets.
- (2) Total ownership includes 10,302 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 the date of grant, provided the holder remains an employee of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).

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