

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS
Form 8-K
October 11, 2006

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): October 5, 2006

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-24006
(Commission File Number)

150 Industrial Road

San Carlos, California 94070

(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 631-3100

94-3134940
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 13, 2006, Nektar Therapeutics (the Company) entered into a Transition and Retirement Agreement (the Retirement Agreement) with its former President and Chief Executive Officer, Ajit S. Gill. On October 5, 2006, the Company and Mr. Gill entered into an amendment to the Retirement Agreement pursuant to which (i) Mr. Gill s continuing consulting service obligation to the Company through June 30, 2009 (Original Service Period) was discontinued, (ii) Mr. Gill s unvested outstanding stock options and restricted stock units were accelerated, and (iii) the exercise period of certain of Mr. Gill s stock options were extended for the same period as if Mr. Gill had continued service through the Original Service Period.

SIGNATURES

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

By: */s/ Nevan C. Elam*
Nevan C. Elam
Senior Vice President Corporate
Operations and General Counsel

Date: October 11, 2006