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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Re Ahuja Deepak	porting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Tesla, Inc. [TSLA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
C/O TESLA, INC, 350 CREEK ROAD	00 DEER	(Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2018	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
PALO ALTO, CA 943	304	Filed(Month/Day/Year)			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	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)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		ed of (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)
Common Stock	03/05/2018		M(1)	10,666	A	\$0	25,600 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2018		F(3)	4,867	D	\$ 333.75	20,733	D	
Common Stock							38,989	I	Ahuja Family 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 or 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	03/05/2018		M	10,666	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	10,666

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ahuja Deepak C/O TESLA, INC 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

By: Aaron Beckman, Power of Attorney For: Deepak Ahuja 03/07/2018

**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) Shares of the Issuer's common stock were issued to the reporting person upon the vesting of restricted stock units on March 5, 2018.
- (2) Amount of securities beneficially owned includes 60 shares acquired under the Tesla, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan on February 28, 2018.
- PURSUANT TO THE ISSUER'S EQUITY PLAN AND POLICIES, THESE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK WERE
- (3) AUTOMATICALLY WITHHELD AND SOLD BY THE ISSUER TO SATISFY THE REPORTING PERSON'S TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS REPORTED HEREIN.
- (4) 10,666 of the restricted stock units will vest on March 5, 2018 and the remaining 31,995 will commence vesting in twelve equal quarterly installments beginning June 5, 2018.

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