DELUXE CORP Form 4 January 26, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Merritt Edward A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DELUXE CORP [DLX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH			01/24/2017	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Treasurer, VP of IR and CFO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SHOREVIEW,	MN 55126		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	^(Zip) Tabl	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 (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	01/24/2017		A	505	A	<u>(1)</u>	5,219	D		
Common Stock	01/24/2017		F	198	D	\$ 73.63	5,021 <u>(2)</u>	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	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	2,688
Common Stock Option	\$ 42.52					08/14/2014(4)	08/14/2020	Common Stock	4,992
Common Stock Option	\$ 50.32					02/27/2015(4)	02/27/2021	Common Stock	1,804
Common Stock Option	\$ 67.08					02/12/2016(4)	02/12/2022	Common Stock	1,497
Common Stock Option	\$ 54.3					02/17/2017(4)	02/17/2023	Common Stock	2,545

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

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Merritt Edward A

3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH

SHOREVIEW, MN 55126

Treasurer, VP of IR and CFO

Signatures

J. Michael Schroeder as Power of Attorney for Edward A.
Merritt

01/26/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 1,239 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 Comany 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.
- Options vest in three equal installments on the three succeeding anniversary dates of grant, provided the holder remains in the employ of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).

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