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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Print or Type Responses)

CALAMOS JOHN P SR

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

			CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND [CSQ]			(Check all applicable)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2020 CALAMOS COURT			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/23/2017						X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non	ı-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	EXECUTION AND COMMENTAL COMMENTS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER	Date, if	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	io	4. Securit mr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of	(D)	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 (1)	01/23/2017			S		38,862	D	\$ 10.666	8 0	I	By Calamos Advisors LLC	
Common Stock									220,449.61	I	By John Calamos Sr. Trust	
Common Stock									45,800	I	By J&L Capital LLC	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration	m: 1	or	
						Exercisable	Exercisable Date	Title		
				G 1 17	(A) (D)				of	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CALAMOS JOHN P SR 2020 CALAMOS COURT NAPERVILLE, IL 60563	X		President and Global CIO					
Calamos Advisors LLC 2020 CALAMOS COURT NAPERVILLE, IL 60563				Investment Advisor				

Signatures

/s/ William J. Takahashi, Attorney-in-Fact

01/25/2017

**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) THE SHARE DISPOSITIONS IN THIS FORM 4 ARE NOT DIRECTLY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF JOHN P. CALAMOS, SR. THESE TRANSACTIONS REFLECT DISPOSITIONS MADE BY CALAMOS ADVISORS LLC (CAL), CALAMOS STRATEGIC TOTAL RETURN FUND'S INVESTMENT ADVISOR. CAL IS A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CALAMOS INVESTMENTS LLC (CILLC). JOHN P. CALAMOS, SR. OWNS A CONTROLLING INTEREST IN CALAMOS FAMILY PARTNERS, INC., WHICH OWNS A CONTROLLING INTEREST IN CALAMOS PARTNERS LLC, WHICH IN TURN OWNS 77.8% OF CILLC, AND IS THE CHAIRMAN AND GLOBAL CIO OF CALAMOS ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC., WHICH

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OWNS 22.2% OF, AND IS THE SOLE MANAGER OF, CILLC. AS A RESULT, JOHN P. CALAMOS, SR. IS REQUIRED TO FILE THIS FORM 4 TO REFLECT INDIRECT BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES OWNED BY CAL.

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