Hoyt Kelcey E Form 4 January 30, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Common

Stock

01/26/2018

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hoyt Kelcey E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRAXAIR INC [PX]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
C/O PRAX RIVERVIE	(Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2018					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President, Controller						
		4. If Ame	endment, D	ate Origina	al		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d 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								434.4458	I	401(k)		
Common Stock	01/26/2018			M	4,950	A	\$ 97.84	5,257	D			
~					0.615		Φ.					

3,617

(1)

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163.69

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)	Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D)	or cosed of r. 3, 4,	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 97.84	01/26/2018		M		4,950	02/22/2012(2)	02/22/2021	Common Stock	4,950
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 109.68						02/28/2013(2)	02/28/2022	Common Stock	3,995
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 110.58						02/26/2014(2)	02/26/2023	Common Stock	2,675
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 128.8						02/25/2015(2)	02/25/2024	Common Stock	3,735
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 128.38						02/24/2016(3)	02/24/2025	Common Stock	5,150
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 102.22						02/23/2017(4)	02/23/2026	Common Stock	9,360
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 118.71						02/28/2018(5)	02/28/2027	Common Stock	10,500

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hoyt Kelcey E C/O PRAXAIR, INC. 10 RIVERVIEW DRIVE

DANBURY, CT 06810

Vice President, Controller

Signatures

Guillermo Bichara, Attorney-in-Fact 01/30/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 withheld from option exercise to pay the option exercise price and taxes. No market sale of shares occurred. The reporting person acquired and held 1,333 shares net of the shares withheld.
- (2) This option became exercisable in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2016.
- (4) This options vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 23, 2017.
- (5) This option vests over three years in three consecutive equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2018.

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