

PETTTIT WILLIAM A
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PETTTIT WILLIAM A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS
INC [LGND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10275 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) Sr. V-P, HR and Administration
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		11,411	A	\$ 10.68
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		11,411	D	\$ 11.25
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		17,096	A	\$ 10.68
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S		17,096	D	\$ 11.25
Common Stock	12/15/2006		M		155	A	\$ 10.68

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Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	155	D	\$ 11.24	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	1,200	A	\$ 10.68	2,089	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 11.31	889	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	M	138	A	\$ 10.68	1,027	D
Common Stock	12/15/2006	S	138	D	\$ 11.37	889	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	11,411	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011	Common Stock	11,411	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	17,096	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011	Common Stock	17,096	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	155	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011	Common Stock	155	
	\$ 10.68	12/15/2006		M	1,200	01/06/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/06/2011		1,200	

