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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stern John W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AKORN INC [AKN]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle) (Last) (First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2007

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) VP, Hospital & Contract Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	(Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.25	01/01/2007		A		50,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/01/2012	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stern John W 2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089

VP, Hospital & Contract Sales

Signatures

John W Stern 01/04/2007

**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 option vests in three annual installments with 16,667 vesting on January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, and 16,666 vesting on January 1, 2010.
- (2) There was no consideration given in exchange for the security.

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