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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> BENNETT C FRANK			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ISIS PHARMACEUTICALS INC</u> [ ISIS ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
					Director	10% Owner			
					Officer (give title	Other (specify			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		below)	below)			
			07/01/2013		SVP, Antisense	Research			
C/O ISIS PH	ARMACEUTI	JALS, INC.							
2855 GAZEL	LE COURT								
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi	vidual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable			
(Street)				Line)					
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CARLSBAD	CA	92010			Form filed by More th Person	an One Reporting			
(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)	if any	3. Transa Code ( 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/01/2013	07/01/2013	<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	v	756 <sup>(1)</sup>	Α	\$9.197	2,866	D	

 
 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. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reporting 756 shares acquired under the Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Amended and Restated 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on July 1, 2013. These 756 share may not be sold until January 2, 2014. **Remarks:** 

### /s/B. Lynne Parshall, attorneyin-fact 07/03/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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