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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NEA PARTNERS 10 L P					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TARGACEPT INC [TRGT]									ationship of k all applicat Director	ole)	g Persor <mark>X</mark>	10% Ow	wner	
(Last) 1119 ST.	PAUL STE	First) REET	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/18/2006								Officer (g below)	jive title		Other (s below)	pecify		
(Street) BALTIMORE MD 21202					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						- 1	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(\$	State)	(Zip)																
		-	Γable I - Nor	n-Deriva	ative S	Secu	urities Ac	quired	Dis	posed o	of, or E	3ene	ficially (Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans: Date (Month/I					action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.		ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Form:	Direct I Indirect I str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									v	Amount	(A) or D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 04/1				04/18/	B/2006		С		2,913,512 A		(1)	3,263,512		I		See Note			
			Table II -				ities Acq warrants							vned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	4. Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		е	7. Title and Amo Securities Under Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		derlying curity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securitic Benefici Owned Followin Reporte Transac	ve es ially ng d	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	N	mount or umber of nares		(Instr. 4)				
Series C Preferred	(1)	04/18/2006		С			20,226,034	(1)		(1)	Comm		913,512	\$1.21	0		I	See Note 2 ⁽²⁾	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each share of the Series C Preferred Stock converted into approximately .144 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.
- 2. The Reporting Person is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 10, Limited Partnership, the beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of these shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein.

In addition to the shares reported herein, NEA Ventures 2002, L.P. owns 3,154 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer as a result of the conversion of the Series C Preferred Stock. The Reporting Person does not have voting nor dispositive powers over such shares. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, of such portion of those shares in which the Reporting Person has no actual pecuniary interest therein.

> /s/ Louis S. Citron as General Counsel, New Enterprise

04/20/2006

Associates

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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