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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 Ferson |                    |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>LendingTree, Inc. [ TREE ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |   |                                     |  |  |
|---|--------------------|----------|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Patel Nikul                             |                    |          | <u></u> [ 1102 ]   |  | Director  | 10% Owner                           |  |  |
| (Last)<br>11115 RUSHMO                  | (First)<br>DRE DR. | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/28/2017                   | X  | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>Chief Strategy C | Other (specify<br>below)<br>Officer |  |  |
| (Street)                                |                    |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                         | 6. Indiv<br>Line)  | idual or Joint/Group Filing                       | (Check Applicable                   |  |  |
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| (City)                                  | (State)            | (Zip)    |  |  | Person  |                                     |  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |          | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|--|--|---------------|----------|---|---|---|--|
|                                 |  |   | Code V                       |  | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price    | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (1150.4)  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2017                                 |   | М                            |  | 5,364  | A             | \$33.59  | 9,317   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2017                                 |   | S                            |  | 2,682  | D             | \$121.25 | 6,635   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2017                                 |   | S                            |  | 2,682  | D             | \$119.05 | 3,953   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2017                                 |   | М                            |  | 2,682  | A             | \$33.59  | 6,635   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2017                                 |   | S                            |  | 2,682  | D             | \$120.43 | 3,953   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2017                                 |   | М                            |  | 4,000  | A             | \$26.59  | 7,953   | D   |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2017                                 |   | S                            |  | 4,000  | D             | \$122.1  | 3,953   | D   |   |  |

|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |                              |                      |     |  |                     |                    |   |  |  |  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------|-----|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) | action of Expiration |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | Date Amount of      |                    | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |  |
|   |  |  |   | Code                         | v                    | (A) | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |  |  |   |  |
| Options to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock           | \$33.59  | 02/28/2017                                 |   | М                            |                      |     | 5,364  | (1)                 | 02/19/2024         | Common<br>Stock                                     | 5,364  | \$33.59  | 2,682  | D |  |
| Options to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock           | \$33.59  | 03/01/2017                                 |   | М                            |                      |     | 2,682  | (1)                 | 02/19/2024         | Common<br>Stock                                     | 2,682  | \$33.59  | 0  | D |  |
| Options to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock           | \$26.59  | 03/01/2017                                 |   | М                            |                      |     | 4,000  | 02/06/2017          | 08/06/2024         | Common<br>Stock                                     | 4,000  | \$26.59  | 39,750   | D |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These restricted stock units became exerciseable in 3 equal annual installments beginning on February 19, 2016 in accordance with the terms of the original award agreement.

/s/ Katharine Pierce as

<u>Attorney-in-Fact for Nikul</u> <u>Patel</u> 03/01/2017

\*\* 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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