UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION March 16, 2017

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

File No. 000-19125 - CF#34765

Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2017.

Based on representations by Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.60 through December 22, 2020 Exhibit 10.61 through September 5, 2023

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Brent J. Fields Secretary