| See separate instruction |
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| Part I Reporting Issuer                             |  | · · · ·   |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Issuer's name                                     | 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)              |   |  |  |
| ABRDN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND, INC.                   |  | 13-3304681  |  |  |
| <b>3</b> Name of contact for additional information | 4 Telephone No. of contact                                   | 5 Email address of contact  |  |  |
| ABRDN INC.  | 215-405-5700   |   |  |  |
| 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not     | 7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact |   |  |  |
| C/O ABRDN INC., 1900 MARKET STREET, SU              | PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103                                       |   |  |  |
| 8 Date of action                                    | 9 Classification and description                             |   |  |  |
| 2/21/2023, 5/19/2023, 8/24/2023                     | COMMON STOCK - REGULATED INVE                                |   |  |  |
| 10 CUSIP number 11 Serial number(                   | (s) <b>12</b> Ticker symbol                                  | 13 Account number(s)  |  |  |
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|   | ch additional statements if needed. See                      | back of form for additional questions.  |  |  |
| the action A PERCENTAGE OF THE D                    | DISTRIBUTIONS PAID IN FEBRUARY, MAY                          | against which shareholders' ownership is measured for<br>' AND AUGUST 2023 WERE RETURN OF CAPITAL<br>R INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS 301(c)(2) |  |  |
|   | EE ATTACHMENT. THE RETURN OF CAPI                            | in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per<br>TAL DISTRIBUTIONS WILL REDUCE THE TAX BASIS   |  |  |
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16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ► SEE ATTACHMENT.

## Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ► INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS 316, 301(c)(1), AND 301(c)(2).

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? NO LOSS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A RESULT OF THE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTIONS. THE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTIONS WILL REDUCE THE TAX BASIS OF THE SHAREHOLDERS' SHARES IN THE ABRDN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND, INC.

**19** Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ► \_ THE RETURN OF CAPITAL DISTRIBUTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE REPORTABLE IN TAX YEAR 2023.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. Sign

| Here                   | Signa | ture► /s/Sharon Ferrari                        | Date 🕨                                     |           |              |                           |           |
|------------------------|-------|--|--|-----------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|                        | Print | your name ► SHARON FERRARI                     | R PRODUCT MANAGEMENT                       |           |              |                           |           |
| Paid<br>Prepa<br>Use O | rer   | Print/Type preparer's name<br>MICHAEL J MOONEY | Preparer's signature                       | Date      |              | Check if if self-employed | PTIN<br>* |
|                        |       | Firm's name ► ERNST & YOUNG U.S.               |  |           | Firm's EIN ► | *                         |           |
|                        | ,     | Firm's address ► ONE MANHATTAN WE              |  | Phone no. | 212-773-3000 |                           |           |
| Send Fo                | rm 89 | 37 (including accompanying statements) t       | o: Department of the Treasury, Internal Re | venue S   | ervice, Ogo  | den, UT 84201             | -0054     |

| CUSIP     | TICKER | EX DATE:  | RECORD<br>DATE: | PAYABLE<br>DATE: | DISTRIBUTION<br>AMOUNT PER<br>SHARE | TAXABLE<br>DIVIDEND<br>PERCENTAGE<br>PER SHARE | RETURN OF CAPITAL<br>PER SHARE | LT<br>DISTRIBUTION<br>PER SHARE | ORDINARY<br>DISTRIBUTION<br>PER SHARE |
|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 003011103 | IAF    | 2/17/2023 | 2/21/2023       | 3/31/2023        | 0.13000                             | 0.00179  | 0.12010                        | 0.00821                         | 0.00168                               |
| 003011103 | IAF    | 5/18/2023 | 5/19/2023       | 6/30/2023        | 0.13000                             | 0.00179  | 0.12010                        | 0.00821                         | 0.00168                               |
| 003011103 | IAF    | 8/23/2023 | 8/24/2023       | 9/29/2023        | 0.12000                             | 0.00166  | 0.11087                        | 0.00758                         | 0.00155                               |