

Powers John
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Powers John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE
PLAZA, SUITE 400

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/06/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

CHICAGO, IL 60606

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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 | | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 02/06/2009 | | A | | 4,212 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 10,700 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 02/06/2009 | | F | | 594 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 23.07 10,106 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | | | | | 235.9147 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | 401(k) Plan |

Common
Shares Of
Beneficial
Interest

8,939.953 ⁽⁵⁾ I

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Account

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

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.07 | 02/06/2009 | | A | 28,762 | ⁽⁶⁾ 02/06/2019 | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 28,762 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|--|
| Powers John TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | Director 10% Owner Officer Executive Vice President |

Signatures

s/ By: Yasmina Duwe,
Attorney-in-fact

02/10/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Represents restricted shares scheduled to vest on February 6, 2012.

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- (2) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.
- (3) Represents the withholding of shares for the payment of tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted shares.
Represents shares acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with
- (4) the Equity Residential Advantage 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, a plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such shares represent acquisitions through January 31, 2009.
- (5) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person, and includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.
- (6) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.

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