

Shifrin Orrin S
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Shifrin Orrin S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EQUITY
COMMONWEALTH, TWO
NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA,
SUITE 2100

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Equity Commonwealth [EQC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/28/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 or Price | | | | | |
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 10/28/2018 | | M | | 19,053 (1) | A | (1) | 134,511 | I | See footnote (2) |
| Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 10/28/2018 | | F | | 19,953 (3) | D | \$ 29.86 | 114,558 | I | See footnote (2) |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Share Units | (4) | 10/28/2018 | | M | 19,053 | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 19,053 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Shifrin Orrin S C/O EQUITY COMMONWEALTH TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 2100 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | | | EVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Orrin S. Shifrin,
attorney-in-fact

10/30/2018

**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) Each Common Share of Beneficial Interest of Equity Commonwealth was received in exchange for one Restricted Share Unit ("RSU"), subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Equity Commonwealth 2012 Equity Compensation Plan and the restricted share unit agreement for the Reporting Person.
 - (2) These shares are held by the Orrin S. Shifrin Revocable Trust, of which the reporting person is the trustee and a beneficiary.
 - (3) Reflects common shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted common shares and RSUs.
 - (4) Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Common Shares of Beneficial Interest of Equity Commonwealth, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Equity Commonwealth 2012 Equity Compensation Plan and the restricted share unit agreement for

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the Reporting Person.

- (5) On November 8, 2017, the Reporting Person received 38,106 RSUs as a result of certain performance criteria being met with respect to previously granted RSUs, vesting in two equal installments on November 8, 2017 and October 28, 2018, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with Equity Commonwealth through such date.

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