

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>SANDERS WILLIAM REID<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>6584 POPLAR AVENUE<br>(Street)<br><br>MEMPHIS, TN 38138<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>03/09/2010 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC<br>[MAA] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 2,000  | I   | IRA  |
| Common Stock                       | 1,500  | I   | POA, Mimi R. Smith                                       |
| Common Stock                       | 800  | I   | Trustee, Dr. Hugh Smith Residual Trust                   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---|---|--|---------------|--------------|--|
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|                           | (Month/Day/Year)    |                    | Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                                  | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|------------|
|                           | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                             | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |   |  |            |
| Limited Partnership Units | Â (1)               | Â (1)              | Common<br>Stock                   | 107,000                          | \$ (1)  | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SANDERS WILLIAM REID<br>6584 POPLAR AVENUE<br>MEMPHIS, TN 38138 | Â X           | Â         | Â       | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer  
Patrick

03/09/2010

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Converts on a one-for-one basis to shares of MAA common stock.

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