### **EQUITY RESIDENTIAL**

Form 4

February 10, 2014

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* TENNISON MARK N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First) (Middle) **EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]** 

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE

(Month/Day/Year)

02/06/2014

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

PLAZA, SUITE 400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

**Executive Vice President** 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amoun

Underlying Securiti

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3)                                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | f                     |                    |   |                        |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|
|   |                                    |            |                  | Code V     | (A) (D  | ) Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | An<br>or<br>Nu<br>of S |
| Non-qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(Right to Buy) | \$ 56.48                           | 02/06/2014 |                  | A          | 71,442  | <u>(1)</u>            | 02/06/2024         | Common<br>Shares Of<br>Beneficial<br>Interest | 71                     |
| LTIP Units                                      | <u>(2)</u>                         | 02/06/2014 |                  | A          | 9,321   | (3)                   | 02/06/2024         | Operating<br>Partnership<br>Units             | 9,                     |
| LTIP Units                                      | <u>(2)</u>                         | 02/06/2014 |                  | A          | 2,213   | <u>(3)</u>            | 02/06/2024         | Operating<br>Partnership<br>Units             | 2,                     |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TENNISON MARK N TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606

**Executive Vice President** 

# **Signatures**

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 02/10/2014

\*\*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 share options scheduled to vest in three equal installments on February 6, 2015, February 6, 2016 and February 6, 2017.
  - On February 6, 2014, the reporting person received a grant of restricted limited partnership interests ("LTIP Units") in ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership of Equity Residential (the "Company"), in lieu of restricted shares of the Company as part of the Company's annual grant of long-term compensation. LTIP Units are a class of partnership interest that automatically convert into an equal number of limited partnership interests of the Operating Partnership ("OP Units") when the
- that automatically convert into an equal number of limited partnership interests of the Operating Partnership ("OP Units") when the capital account related to the LTIP Units reaches a specified target for federal income tax purposes (provided such target is reached within ten years of issuance). Subject to any vesting requirements of the grant, OP Units are redeemable by the holder for common shares of the Company on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Company's option. The LTIPs reflected in this report also include any OP Units into which such LTIP Units automatically convert.
- (3) The LTIP Units are scheduled to vest on February 6, 2017.

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