

RINEY T RICHARD  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RINEY T RICHARD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,  
SUITE 300

(Street)

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/16/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

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

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

**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 Stock (1)                | 03/16/2010                           |  | S(2)(3)                        |   | 100   | D  | \$ 47.4117  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2010                           |  | S(2)(3)                        |   | 324   | D  | \$ 47.4132  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2010                           |  | S(2)(3)                        |   | 366   | D  | \$ 47.42  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2010                           |  | S(2)(3)                        |   | 500   | D  | \$ 47.4217  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/16/2010                           |  | S(2)(3)                        |   | 500   | D  | \$ 47.423   |

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|              |            |                |       |   |            |         |   |        |
|--------------|------------|----------------|-------|---|------------|---------|---|--------|
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 1,300 | D | \$ 47.43   | 241,591 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 300   | D | \$ 47.4301 | 241,291 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100   | D | \$ 47.44   | 241,191 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 500   | D | \$ 47.45   | 240,691 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 200   | D | \$ 47.46   | 240,491 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 700   | D | \$ 47.47   | 239,791 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100   | D | \$ 47.483  | 239,691 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 100   | D | \$ 47.5    | 239,591 | D |        |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2010 | <u>S(2)(3)</u> | 3,334 | D | \$ 46.63   | 236,257 | D |        |
| Common Stock |            |                |       |   |            | 1,300   | I | By IRA |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| RINEY T RICHARD<br>10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300<br>LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223 |               |           | EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC |       |

## Signatures

T. Richard  
Riney

03/18/2010

\_\_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) Please see the Reporting Person's previous Form 4 filings dated the date hereof which contain additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (3).
- (2) On March 16, 2010, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated December 10, 2009.

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