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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 *
Dreixler Julie M.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE,
SUITE 4800
(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/25/2011

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)

SVP-Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/25/2011		A		1,441 (1)	A	\$ 0 6,530.841 D
Common Stock	02/25/2011		F		151 (2)	D	\$ 57.19 6,379.841 D
Common Stock	02/26/2011		F		188 (3)	D	\$ 57.19 6,191.841 D
Common Stock	02/27/2011		F		413 (4)	D	\$ 57.19 6,000.547 (5) (6) D

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

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- (5) Includes 115.925 shares acquired between March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2010 under the Ventas, Inc. Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (6) Includes 105.781 shares acquired between March 2, 2010 and February 28, 2011 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (7) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (8) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (9) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of February 27, 2011.

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