

Powers John  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Powers John

(Last) (First) (Middle)

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE  
PLAZA, SUITE 400

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/06/2009

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)

Executive Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	02/06/2009		A		4,212 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 0 10,700 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	02/06/2009		F		594 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 23.07 10,106 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest					235.9147 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan

Common  
Shares Of  
Beneficial  
Interest

8,939.953 <sup>(5)</sup> I

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07	02/06/2009		A	28,762	<sup>(6)</sup> 02/06/2019	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	28,762

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Powers John  
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400  
CHICAGO, IL 60606

Executive Vice President

## Signatures

s/ By: Yasmina Duwe,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/10/2009

\*\*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 restricted shares scheduled to vest on February 6, 2012.

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- (2) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.
- (3) Represents the withholding of shares for the payment of tax liability incurred upon the vesting of restricted shares.  
Represents shares acquired through profit sharing contributions and dividend reinvestment activity in the reporting person's account with
- (4) the Equity Residential Advantage 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, a plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such shares represent acquisitions through January 31, 2009.
- (5) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person, and includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.
- (6) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.

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