

Empire State Realty Trust, 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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 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 \*

Â Kessler John B  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 02/01/2015

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. [ESRT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 President and COO

C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC.,Â ONE GRAND CENTRAL PLACE, 60 E. 42ND ST.

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10165

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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 (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
LTIP Units <sup>(1)</sup>	02/01/2016	∞ <sup>(1)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	13,736	\$ 0	D ∞

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kessler John B C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST, INC. ONE GRAND CENTRAL PLACE, 60 E. 42ND ST. NEW YORK, NY 10165	∞	∞	∞ President and COO	∞

## Signatures

/s/ Salvatore Rappa, as attorney-in-fact 02/02/2015

\_\_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).  
Represents LTIP Units ("LTIP Units"), a class of units of Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). The LTIP Units are convertible by the reporting person, upon vesting, into an equivalent number of units of limited partnership interests ("Operating Partnership Units") of the Operating Partnership, which are redeemable by the holder for shares of Class A Common Stock of Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Issuer's option. The rights to convert LTIP units into Operating Partnership Units and redeem Operating Partnership Units do not have expiration dates. The LTIP Units, which vest ratably on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant, were granted under the Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. and Empire State Realty OP, L.P. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.

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