

Wetzel Mark L  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Wetzel Mark L

(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)  
 12/14/2005

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)  
 Chief Accounting Officer

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	(D)	Price
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest					6,330 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/14/2005		S		1,300	D	\$ 40.74
					700 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Daughter
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	12/14/2005		S		700	D	\$ 40.75
					0 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Daughter

Common  
Shares of  
Beneficial  
Interest

14,304 <sup>(3)</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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.55					02/07/2005	02/07/2013	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	4,613
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.2					01/16/2003	01/16/2012	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	6,896
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.25					01/27/2005	01/27/2014	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	8,297
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.76					02/03/2006	02/03/2008	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	7,082

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wetzel Mark L TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606			Chief Accounting Officer	

## Signatures

By: Barbara Shuman, 12/14/2005  
Attorney-in-fact

\_\_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) Shares reported on this line are owned directly and some are subject to vesting.
- (2) Shares reported on this line are beneficially owned by Mr. Wetzel as custodian for his minor daughter. Mr. Wetzel disclaims beneficial ownership of said shares.
- (3) Shares reported herein are owned by the Security Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Retirement Plan for the benefit of the reporting person and were acquired through Equity Residential's Employee Share Purchase Plan.

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