EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **NEAL JOHN E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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below)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

01/04/2016

PLAZA, SUITE 400 (Street)

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CHICAGO, IL 60606

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqui | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|---|---|---|--|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) 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) |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 01/04/2016 | | Code V S | Amount 2,000 | (D) | Price \$ 80.08 | 8,189.2107 (1) | D | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 01/04/2016 | | M | 2,762 | A | \$ 61.25 | 10,951.2107 (1) | D | |
| Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 01/04/2016 | | S | 2,762 | D | \$ 80.153 | 8,189.2107 (1) | D | |

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest

14,634.377 I SERP Account

Interest

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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 | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|-------------------------------|---|------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | | Security | | | | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar |
| | Non-qualified Stock Option | \$ 61.25 | 01/04/2016 | | M | 2,762 | 06/12/2015 | 06/12/2024 | Common Shares Of Beneficial | 2,7 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| . 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| NEAL JOHN E TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | X | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Date

Signatures

**Signature of Reporting Person

(Right to Buy)

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 01/05/2016

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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) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.
- (2) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person.

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