

Thayer Stella Ferguson  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Thayer Stella Ferguson

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4401 NORTHSIDE  
 PARKWAY, SUITE 800

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30327

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 POST PROPERTIES INC [PPS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/18/2009

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(1) (2)	12/18/2009	A		750		(1)(2)	(1)(2)	Common Stock	750	\$ 19.4 (1) (2)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thayer Stella Ferguson 4401 NORTHSIDE PARKWAY SUITE 800 ATLANTA, GA 30327	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Sherry W. Cohen, Power of Attorney  
12/22/2009

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\*\*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) Under the Issuer's amended and restated deferred compensation plan (the "plan"), a director may defer all or a portion of the fees payable to the director during any calendar year for services as a member of the Issuer's board of directors. Distributions from the plan may only be made in the Issuer's stock and the Issuer's stock is the only benchmark investment alternative available under the plan. Effective on December 18, 2009, the Issuer issued a number of shares of stock to a rabbi trust organized in connection with the plan, equal to the number of shares credited to the reporting person's bookkeeping account for compensation deferred under the plan for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. Each unit is equivalent to 1 share.
  - (2) Under the revised terms of the plan, the reporting person may direct the voting of shares held by the rabbi trust equal to the number of phantom shares held in his account.
  - (3) Balance includes 93 shares credited to reporting person's account for dividend reinvestments since the last filed Form 4 reporting phantom units received in connection with the plan.

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