

RINEY T RICHARD
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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 *
RINEY T RICHARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VENTAS INC [VTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/20/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2011 | | A | 14,523 (1) \$ 0 | 247,401 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2011 | | F | 2,140 (2) \$ 53.5 | 245,261 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2011 | | F | 2,374 (3) \$ 53.5 | 242,887 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/21/2011 | | F | 2,692 (4) \$ 53.57 | 240,195 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,300 | I | By IRA |

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- (5) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (6) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (7) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 21, 2011.

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