

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COUSINS PROPERTIES INC  
 [CUZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/03/2008

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

191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 3600

(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

ATLANTA, GA 30303

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/03/2008                           |  | M                              | 8,654 A \$ 13.86  | 62,240 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/03/2008                           |  | F                              | 4,398 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 27.27                                   | 57,842 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,875 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | By Wife                           |

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V (A) (D)   |              |                            |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 13.86   | 04/03/2008                           |  | M                              | 8,654   | 04/21/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 04/21/2008  | Common Stock | 8,654                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER<br>191 PEACHTREE STREET<br>SUITE 3600<br>ATLANTA, GA 30303 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Robert M. Jackson, by Power of Attorney

04/04/2008

\*\*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).

(5) On September 16, 2003, November 19, 2004, and November 25, 2006 the number of options beneficially owned and the corresponding exercise prices were adjusted due to the payment of a special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 7.4% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 6.9% for the September 16, 2003 special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 22.24% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 18.19% for the November 19, 2004 special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 9.87% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 8.98% for the November 25, 2006 special dividend.

(1) Includes 809 shares of restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, and CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted

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shares. All unvested shares will forfeit if the Director's service as a member of the CPI Board of Directors terminates, unless separation is due to death.

These options were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated Stock Plan for Outside Directors. These options will vest 100% per (4) year on the first anniversary of the grant date. The Plan under which these options were granted complies with Rule 16b-3 and provides for tax withholding.

- (3) Shares held by the reporting person's wife, as executrix of her father's estate, John F. Beard.
- (2) In payment of the exercise price, the reporting person delivered 4,398 shares.

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