VENTAS INC Form 4 December 21, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROCKER DOUGLAS II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 71 SOUTH SUITE 340	WACKER DRI	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/D 12/19/20	• /	ansaction			_X_ Director Officer (give below)	10%	Owner r (specify	
CHICAGO	(Street) , IL 60606			ndment, Da th/Day/Year	Č	1		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person		rson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	r) Executio any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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 Stock	12/19/2007			A	59.41 (1)	A	\$ 42.08	56,324.192 (2) (3)	D		

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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu Deriv
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year) e s		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	, ,	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CROCKER DOUGLAS II

71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3400 X

CHICAGO, IL 60606

Signatures

Douglas Crocker II, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

12/21/2007

**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).
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of (1) Director fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and
- conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) Includes 210.500 shares acquired on December 4, 2007, under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) As of December 19, 2007, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 55,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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