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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Dreixler Julie M.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/07/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VENTAS INC [VTR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Sr.V.P.Human Resources

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLAACE, SUITE 300

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

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

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

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

LOUISVILLE, Â KYÂ 40223

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

1

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dreixler Julie M.

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LOUISVILLE, KYÂ 40223

Signatures

Julie M. Dreixler, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

01/15/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
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