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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brehl Robert J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle		(Middle)	VENTAS INC [VTR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 (Street)			(Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2008	Director 10% Owned X Officer (give title Other (specifield) below) Chief Acctg. Off.& Controller			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	spose	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/02/2008		F	26 (1)	D	\$ 44.95	7,534 (2)	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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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brehl Robert J 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

Chief Acctg. Off.& Controller

Signatures

Robert J. Brehl, By: T. Richard Riney, 02/05/2008 Attorney-In-Fact

> **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).
- Represents shares withheld to pay taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on February 2, 2007 under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 (1) Incentive Plan.
- (2) As of February 2, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 12,936 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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