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(Print or Type	Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] _ 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of							Reporting Person(s) to					
CROCKER	DOUGLAS II		Symbol	1				Issuer				
VENTA				ΓAS INC [VTR]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date o	f Earliest T	ransaction			(Check)		
(Month/I				n/Day/Year)			-	X Director 10% Owner				
71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 07/01/2			$/2009 \qquad \qquad \frac{0}{\text{below}}$					Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
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			endment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check						
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CHICAGO	, IL 60606						I	Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date			3.	4. Securitie				6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	Transaction Disposed of (D)				Securities	Ownership	Indirect Demoficial		
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership		
		X						Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)		
						(A)		Reported	(I) (I, (1, (1))			
						or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Comment				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price					
Common Stock	07/01/2009			А	617.182 (1)	А	\$ 30.38	65,908.383 (2) (3)	D			
STOCK					<u></u>		50.58					

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CROCKER DOUGLAS II 71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	Х					
Signatures						
Douglas Crocker II, By: T.Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact		07/	/06/2009			
<u>**</u> 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 Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in(1) lieu of 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 224.031 Units acquired on June 30, 2009, under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on June 30, 2009.
- (3) As of July 1, 2009, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 30,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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