

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KNOX BOONE A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3133 WASHINGTON ROAD, N.W.

(Street)

THOMSON, GA 30824

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]

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

02/06/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	02/06/2009		A	1,625 (1)	A \$ 0 (2)	240,163.0989 (2)	D
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						335,892 (3)	I Folkstone Limited Partnership
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest						359,678 (4)	I Knox Foundation

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Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	2,347,898 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	Knox, Ltd.
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	15,337.149 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	SERP Account
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	144,298 <sup>(7)</sup>	I	Sister-In-Law
Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	6,228 <sup>(8)</sup>	I	Spouse

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.07	02/06/2009		A	11,098	<sup>(9)</sup> 02/06/2019	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
	X			

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## Signatures

s/ By: Yasmina Duwe,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/10/2009

\_\_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).

(1) Represents restricted shares scheduled to vest on February 6, 2012.

(2) Direct total includes restricted shares of the Company scheduled to vest in the future.

(3) Represents shares beneficially owned by Folkstone Limited Partnership ("FLP"). Mr. Knox is a general partner of FLP. Mr. Knox disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by FLP except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(4) Represents shares beneficially owned by the Knox Foundation, a charitable trust. Mr. Knox is trustee of the Knox Foundation. Mr. Knox disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Knox Foundation and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Knox is the beneficial owner of such shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(5) Represents shares beneficially owned by Knox, Ltd. Mr. Knox is the general partner of Knox, Ltd. Mr. Knox disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by Knox, Ltd. except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(6) Represents shares owned by Principal Trust Company, as Trustee of the Equity Residential Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, for the benefit of the reporting person, and includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestments.

(7) Represents shares beneficially owned by Mr. Knox's sister-in-law, over which he has investment authority. Mr. Knox disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Knox is the beneficial owner of such shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

(8) Represents shares beneficially owned by Mr. Knox's spouse. Mr. Knox disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Knox is the beneficial owner of such shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(9) Represents share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on February 6, 2010, February 6, 2011 and February 6, 2012.

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