## Edgar Filing: EQUITY RESIDENTIAL - Form 4

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| June 20, 2016   |   |                           |                       |   |   |   |  |  |   |
| FORM 4  |   | OMB APPROVAL              |                       |   |   |   |  |  |   |
|   |   | STATES                    |                       | <b>CURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION</b><br>Washington, D.C. 20549 |   |   |  |  | 3235-0287   |
| Check this box<br>if no longer<br>subject to<br>Section 16.<br>Form 4 or<br>Form 5<br>obligations<br>may continue.<br><i>See</i> Instruction<br>1(b).   | <b>STATEM</b><br>Filed pur  | suant to S<br>a) of the I | Section 1<br>Public U | <b>SECUI</b><br>16(a) of th<br>Itility Hol                        | RITIE<br>ne Secu<br>lding C   | EFICIAL O<br>S<br>urities Excha<br>Company Actor<br>pany Act of | Estimated<br>burden hou<br>response  | Estimated average<br>burden hours per<br>response 0.5                |   |
| (Print or Type Respor   | nses)   |                           |                       |   |   |   |  |  |   |
| 1. Name and Address<br>Powers John  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]             |                           |                       |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)   |   |  |  |   |
| (Last) (<br>TWO NORTH R<br>PLAZA, SUITE   | <ul><li>3. Date of Earliest Transaction</li><li>(Month/Day/Year)</li><li>06/16/2016</li></ul> |                           |                       |   | Director 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below)<br>Executive Vice President   |   |  |  |   |
| (S<br>CHICAGO, IL 6   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original<br>Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                       |                           |                       |   | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br/>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting<br/>Person</li> </ul> |   |  |  |   |
| (City) (S   | State)  | (Zip)                     | Tab                   | le I - Non-l  | Derivati  | ive Securities  | Acquired, Disposed   | of, or Beneficia   | lly Owned   |
|   | nsaction Date<br>th/Day/Year)   | Execution any             | Date, if              | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)<br>Code V                  | Dispos<br>(Instr.   | (A) or<br>sed of (D)<br>3, 4 and 5)<br>(A)<br>or                | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02) required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. |   |                           |                       |   |   |   |  |  |   |

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5. Number       | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onof Derivative | Expiration Date         | Underlying Securities  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | Securities      | (Month/Day/Year)        | (Instr. 3 and 4)       |

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| (Instr. 3)          | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 |   | Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |     |                     |                    |   |  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|---|---|-----|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|
|                     |                                    |            |                  | Code      | V | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Restricted<br>Units | <u>(1)</u>                         | 06/16/2016 |                  | А         |   | 1,132   |     | (2)                 | 06/16/2026         | Common<br>Shares Of<br>Beneficial<br>Interest | 1,132                                  |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   |          |           |                          |       |
|--|----------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Powers John<br>TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400<br>CHICAGO, IL 60606 |          |           | Executive Vice President |       |
| Signatures   |          |           |                          |       |
|  |          |           |                          |       |

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 06/20/2016

<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).

On June 16, 2016, the reporting person received a grant of Series 2016D restricted limited partnership interests ("Restricted Units") in ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership of Equity Residential (the "Company"), in connection with the Company's annual long-term compensation grant for service in 2016, prorated to June 30, 2016, the date of the reporting person's retirement from the Company. Restricted Units are a class of partnership interest that automatically convert into an

- (1) equal number of limited partnership interests of the Operating Partnership ("OP Units") when the capital account related to the Restricted Units reaches a specified target for federal income tax purposes (provided such target is reached within ten years of issuance). Subject to the vesting requirements of the grant and certain other restrictions, OP Units are exchangeable by the holder for common shares of the Company on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Company's option. The Restricted Units reflected in this report also include any OP Units into which such Restricted Units automatically convert.
- (2) The Restricted Units are scheduled to vest on June 30, 2016. In addition, the Restricted Units (including any OP Units into which they may automatically convert) are subject to a holding restriction until June 16, 2018.

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