VENTAS INC Form 4 April 03, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GELLERT JAY M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
	(First) NARD ST., 22	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2008				X Director Officer (give below)	10%	Owner r (specify		
FLOOR (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
WOODLA (City)	ND HILLS, C (State)	A 91367 (Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (Securi		Form filed by M Person uired, Disposed of	fore than One Re		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Yo	ear) Execution		3.	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	ies Ac sposed	quired of (D)	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 Stock	04/01/2008			A	263.38 (1)	A	\$ 47.46	27,166.827 (2) (3) (4)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GELLERT JAY M 21650 OXNARD ST., 22ND FLOOR WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367	X					

Signatures

Jay M. Gellert, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

04/03/2008

**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 Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of
- (1) 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 64.956 Units acquired on March 28, 2008 under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on March 28, 2008.
- (3) Includes 186.595 shares acquired on March 28, 2008 under the Ventas, Inc. Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) As of April 1, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 45,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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