

TENNISON MARK N
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TENNISON MARK N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE
PLAZA, SUITE 400

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

03/14/2013

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)

Executive Vice President

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Nu of S |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 56.39 | 03/14/2013 | A | 15,304 | | | (1) | | 03/14/2023 | | Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest | 15 |
| LTIP Units | (2) | 03/14/2013 | A | 2,216 | | | (3) | | 03/14/2023 | | Operating Partnership Units | 2 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TENNISON MARK N
TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400
CHICAGO, IL 60606

Executive Vice President

Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 03/18/2013

**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 share options scheduled to vest in approximately three equal installments on March 14, 2014, March 14, 2015 and March 14, 2016 which is a part of a supplemental grant of long-term compensation in recognition of the reporting person's significant contribution in connection with the closing of the Archstone transaction. If the reporting person is retirement eligible (whether through the Rule of 70 or being age 62 or older) these share options will be forfeited if the reporting person voluntarily leaves the Company prior to or on December 31, 2013.
- (2) On March 14, 2013, the reporting person received a grant of restricted limited partnership interests ("LTIP Units") in ERP Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), the operating partnership of Equity Residential (the "Company"), in lieu of restricted shares of the Company as part of a supplemental grant of long-term compensation in recognition of the reporting person's significant contribution in connection with the closing of the Archstone transaction. LTIP Units are a class of partnership interest that automatically convert into an equal number of limited partnership interests of the Operating Partnership ("OP Units") when the capital account related to the LTIP Units reaches a specified target for federal income tax purposes (provided such target is reached within ten years of issuance). Subject to any vesting requirements of the grant, OP Units are redeemable 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 LTIPs reflected in this report also include any OP Units into which such LTIP Units automatically convert.
- (3) The LTIP Units are scheduled to vest on March 14, 2016. If the reporting person is retirement eligible (whether through the Rule of 70 or being age 62 or older) these LTIP Units will be forfeited if the reporting person voluntarily leaves the Company prior to or on December 31, 2013.

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