Brehl Robert J Form 4 December 21, 2007

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1(b).

(Last)

SUITE 300

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brehl Robert J

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

VENTAS INC [VTR]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2007

10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE.

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

3.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

> below) Controller & Chief Acctg Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common 12/20/2007 Stock

F 112 (1) D

Code V Amount

 $4,088 \frac{(2)}{}$

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	le and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired]
					(A) or						J
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					of (D)						(
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					4, and 5)						
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							Title Numb	Number			
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Brehl Robert J			Controller &				
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300			Chief Acctg				
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223			Off.				

Signatures

Robert J. Brehl, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

**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 shares withheld to pay taxes on the vesting of restricted stock previously granted to Reporting Person on December 20, 2006 under the Ventas, Inc. 2000 Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) As of December 20, 2007, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 5,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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