CROCKER DOUGLAS II

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CROCKER DOUGLAS II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

VENTAS INC [VTR]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

(Check all applicable)

71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, **SUITE 3400**

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2012

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

CHICAGO,, IL 60606

(City)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative S | ecurit | ies Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------|--------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | |)) | 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 | 01/01/2012 | | A | 521.495 (1) | A | \$ 55.13 | 75,603.873 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2012 | | A | 1,028 (2) | A | \$0 | 76,847.763 (3) | 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)

| 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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | erivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ired rosed of 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 55.13 | 01/01/2012 | | A | 5,000 (4) | 01/01/2012(5) | 01/01/2022 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| reporting Owner Funder Faduress | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| CROCKER DOUGLAS II 71 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3400 CHICAGO,, IL 60606 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Douglas Crocker, II, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
01/04/2012

**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 Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in (1) lieu of 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) Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Stock Plan for Directors (the "Stock Plan"). This restricted stock vests in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Includes 215.890 Units acquired on December 30, 2011 under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on December 30, 2011.
- (4) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Stock Plan.
- (5) These options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.
- (6) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 1, 2012.

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