

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NIELSEN CLAUDE B (Last) (First) (Middle)  6584 POPLAR AVENUE (Street)  MEMPHIS, TN 38138 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	18,122	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Limited Partnership Units	10/01/2013	Â (1)	Common Stock	2,111.4	\$ (1)	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/21/2014	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 69.23	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	05/02/2015	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 76.87	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/26/2016	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 103.56	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/25/2017	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 108.95	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/23/2018	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 65.45	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/27/2018	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 57.09	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/22/2019	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 19.53	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/25/2019	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 63.09	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013	04/28/2020	Common Stock	1,800	\$ 40.98	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	04/24/2014	04/24/2020	Common Stock	1,623	\$ 64.14	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIELSEN CLAUDE B 6584 POPLAR AVENUE MEMPHIS, TN 38138	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer  
Patrick 10/10/2013

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Units are redeemable for an equal number of shares of the issuer's Common Stock or, at the election of the issuer, cash equal to the fair market value of such shares. Units have no expiration date.

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