Parrell Mark J. Form 4 February 11, 2013

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Parrell Mark J.

(Middle)

(First)

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400

(Street)

(State)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

EQUITY RESIDENTIAL [EQR]

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

02/07/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President & CFO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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6. Ownership

Form: Direct

Person

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

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

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(T) Transaction(s)

Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

7. Nature of

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of Transaction Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ed of				
				Code V	(A)	` /	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.82	02/07/2013		A	32,914		<u>(1)</u>	02/07/2023	Common Shares Of Beneficial Interest	32
LTIP Units	<u>(2)</u>	02/07/2013		A	14,228		(3)	02/07/2023	Operating Partnership Units	14

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Parrell Mark J. TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 400 CHICAGO, IL 60606

Executive Vice President & CFO

Signatures

s/ By: Jane Matz, Attorney-in-fact 02/11/2013

**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 February 7, 2014, February 7, 2015 and February 7, 2016.

On February 7, 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 the Company's annual grant of long-term compensation. 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 February 7, 2016.

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