

ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
GIBBONS MICHAEL E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP [AEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE AEC PARKWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/07/2015

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

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares, without par value	08/07/2015			D	1,119 D \$ 28.75 (1)	0	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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Amount of Shares (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Share Units ⁽²⁾	<u>(3)</u>	08/07/2015		D			82,108 ⁽⁴⁾	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Share	82,108

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBBONS MICHAEL E ONE AEC PARKWAY RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143	X			

Signatures

/s/ Sue Bozek, as Attorney-in-Fact	08/11/2015
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$28.75 in cash per share.
- (2) Deferred compensation held under the Issuer's deferred compensation plans ("DSUs").
- (3) Each DSU was the economic equivalent of one Issuer common share, and were initially payable pursuant to the Reporting Person's deferred compensation elections.
- (4) Includes DSUs acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.
- (5) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$28.75 in cash per DSU.

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