

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.
Form 4
March 02, 2016

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Durels Thomas P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EMPIRE STATE REALTY
TRUST, INC., ONE GRAND
CENTRAL PL., 60 E. 42ND ST.

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10165

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.
[ESRT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/29/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Exe. VP, Dir. of Leasing & Op.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) (A) or (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	02/29/2016		A		112,829 <u>(2)</u>		<u>(1)(2)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	112,829
LTIP Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	02/29/2016		A		48,032 <u>(3)</u>		<u>(1)(3)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common Stock	48,032

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ONE GRAND CENTRAL PL., 60 E. 42ND ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10165

Exe. VP, Dir. of Leasing & Op.

Signatures

/s/ Debra E. Levin,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/02/2016

 Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents long term investment plan units ("LTIP Units"), a class of units of Empire State Realty OP, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). Conditioned upon minimum allocations to the capital accounts of the LTIP Units for federal income tax purposes, vested LTIP Units are convertible by the reporting person, upon vesting, into an equivalent number of units of limited partnership interests ("Operating Partnership Units") of the Operating Partnership, which are redeemable by the holder for shares of Class A Common Stock of Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Issuer") on a one-for-one basis or the cash value of such shares, at the Issuer's option. The rights to convert LTIP units into Operating Partnership Units and redeem Operating Partnership Units do not have expiration dates.

(2) Of the 112,829 LTIP Units granted to the Reporting Person, 62,814 LTIP Units vest as follows: 30% on February 28, 2017, 30% on February 28, 2018 and 40% on February 28, 2020. The remaining 50,015 LTIP Units vest 25% ratably on each of the first four anniversaries of February 28, 2016, subject to continued employment through such dates.

(3) These LTIP Units are scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's total return to the shareholders during a three-year performance period ending December 31, 2018. Any earned LTIP units will vest 50% on January 1, 2019 and 50% will vest on January 1, 2020, subject to continued employment. In accordance with applicable Form 4 reporting requirements, the foregoing excludes 144,096 LTIP Units also granted on February 29, 2016 that are scheduled to vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria based on the Issuer's relative total return to shareholders measured against two different industry-specific indices.

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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