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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAFARO DEBRA A | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|-------------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| | | LACE, | (Month/Day/Year) 07/10/2007 | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specibelow) below) Chairman, President and CEO | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| LOUISVILLE | ,, KY 40223 | , | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) (Zip) 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) | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock (1) | 07/10/2007 | | S(2)(3) | 600 | D | \$ 37.23 | 751,228 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(2)(3) | 500 | D | \$ 37.24 | 750,728 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(2)(3) | 1,700 | D | \$ 37.25 | 749,028 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(2)(3) | 700 | D | \$ 37.26 | 748,328 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | | S(2)(3) | 1,100 | D | \$ 37.27 | 747,228 | D | | | |

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| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 500 | D | \$ 37.28 | 746,728 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---------|-----|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.29 | 746,628 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.3 | 746,528 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.31 | 746,428 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.33 | 746,328 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.34 | 746,128 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.35 | 745,928 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 400 | D | \$ 37.36 | 745,528 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 300 | D | \$ 37.37 | 745,228 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.4 | 745,128 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.43 | 745,028 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.44 | 744,828 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.46 | 744,728 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.47 | 744,528 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 600 | D | \$ 37.48 | 743,928 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.49 | 743,728 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 300 | D | \$ 37.5 | 743,428 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.53 | 743,228 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.56 | 743,028 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 100 | D | \$ 37.59 | 742,928 | D |
| | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 400 | D | | 742,528 | D |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 37.61 | | |
|---------------------|------------|---------|-----|---|-------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 300 | D | \$ 37.62 | 742,228 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 300 | D | \$ 37.63 | 741,928 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 700 | D | \$ 37.64 | 741,228 | D |
| Common Stock (4) | 07/10/2007 | S(2)(3) | 200 | D | \$ 37.65 | 741,028 | 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. Transa Code (Instr. | ection 8) | 5. nNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | Amou Under Secur | le and ant of rlying ities . 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| . 6 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| CAFARO DEBRA A 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223 | X | | Chairman, President and CEO | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney, 07/12/2007 Attorney-In-Fact

3 Reporting Owners

**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) Please see the Reporting Person's previous Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (3).
- (2) On May 10, 2007, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.
- (3) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 3, 2006.
- (4) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (3).

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