LOMBARDI MICHAEL J

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LOMBARDI MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

TRAVELCENTERS OF AMERICA

(Check all applicable)

Exec. V.P. of Sales

LLC [(TA)] (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2009

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

C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC, 400 CENTRE

(First)

(Street)

STREET

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

NEWTON, MA 02458

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

Following

Reported

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

Common Shares

12/08/2009

Α 45,000 (1)

92,500

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	/ (A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Exec. V.P. of Sales

LOMBARDI MICHAEL J C/O REIT MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH LLC 400 CENTRE STREET NEWTON, MA 02458

Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Lombardi 12/10/2009

**Signature of Reporting 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) Transaction reported is grant of shares pursuant to issuer's equity compensation plan.

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