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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HILGER JAMES K			Symbol DAVITA INC [DVA]					Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O DAVITA INC., 1551 WEWATTA ST.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2011					Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Accounting Officer						
DENIVED (4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting								
DENVER, C		(T)						Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	or Beneficially Owned Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect D) or Beneficial				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Indirect				
Common Stock	03/09/2011			M	2,466	A	\$ 50.37	9,391	D					
Common Stock	03/09/2011			F	1,495	D	\$ 83.12	7,896	D					
Common Stock	03/09/2011			S	971	D	\$ 82.35	6,925	D					

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op f 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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Num of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 50.37	03/09/2011		M	2,466	02/28/2009(1)	02/28/2013	Common Stock	2,4

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

10% Owner Officer Other

HILGER JAMES K C/O DAVITA INC. 1551 WEWATTA ST. DENVER, CO 80202

Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Kim M. Rivera 03/11/2011 Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- Stock Appreciation Right, pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 8.33% on the 20th month following the grant date, and 8.33% every 4 months thereafter until fully vested.

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