

CATES JAMES L
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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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CATES JAMES L

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 309 E. PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E.
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30305-

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AARON RENTS INC [RNT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 10/16/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Group VP and Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					23,976	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock					4,973.3302	I	By 401(k)

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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.16	10/16/2008 ⁽²⁾		A	2,500	10/16/2011 10/16/2018	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.16	10/16/2008 ⁽²⁾		A	2,500	10/16/2012 10/16/2018	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.16	10/16/2008 ⁽²⁾		A	2,500	10/16/2013 10/16/2018	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CATES JAMES L 309 E. PACES FERRY ROAD, N.E. ATLANTA, GA 30305-			Senior Group VP and Secretary	

Signatures

s/ Aleksandra T. Nearing, by Power of Attorney for James L. Cates

10/20/2008

**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) 2,000 shares pertain to restricted common stock granted on November 7, 2006

(2) This option grant is subject to shareholder approval.

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