

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COUSINS PROPERTIES INC
 [CUZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/05/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

2500 WINDY RIDGE
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1600

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(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) | 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 | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | | M | | 4,922 | A | \$ 9.9 | 37,412 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/05/2006 | | F | | 1,540 (1) | D | \$ 31.64 | 35,872 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,875 (2) | I | By Wife |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 9.9 | 05/05/2006 | | M | 4,922 | 05/06/1997 ⁽³⁾ | 05/06/2006 | Common Stock | 4,922 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER 2500 WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY SUITE 1600 ATLANTA, GA 30339 | X | | | |

Signatures

Kristin R. Myers, by Power of Attorney
Date: 05/09/2006

**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).
- These options were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 1995 Incentive Stock Plan. These options will vest 20% per year
- (3) on the anniversary of the grant date, with shares being 100% vested in year 5 of the grant term. The Plan under which these options were granted complies with Rule 16b-3 and provides for tax withholding.
 - (2) Shares held by the reporting person's wife, as executrix of her father's estate, John F. Beard.
 - (1) In payment of the exercise price, the reporting person delivered 1,540 shares.
 - (4) On September 16, 2003 and November 19, 2004 the number of options beneficially owned and the corresponding exercise prices were adjusted due to the payment of a special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by approximately 7.4% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 6.9% for the September 16, 2003 special dividend. The number of options outstanding increased by

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approximately 22.24% and the exercise price decreased by approximately 18.19% for the November 19, 2004 special dividend.

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