

CATES GEORGE E
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FORM 4

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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 *
 CATES GEORGE E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6584 POPLAR AVENUE, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/16/2004

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

MEMPHIS, TN 38138-

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Limited Partnership Units	\$ 24.5						02/04/1995	08/08/1988	Common Stock	197,59
Limited Partnership Units	\$ 28.5						07/23/1998	08/08/1988	Common Stock	3,642.4
Phantom Stock	\$ 0						08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock	1,491.55
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	11/16/2004	P		162		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	162
Stock Option	\$ 29.5						02/12/1998	02/12/2007	Common Stock	36,611
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.14						02/20/2001	02/20/2011	Common Stock	36,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.1875						02/22/2001	02/22/2010	Common Stock	36,479
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.25						02/17/2000	02/17/2009	Common Stock	25,419
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 23.05						02/22/2000	06/01/2000	Common Stock	50,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 28.9375						02/11/1999	02/11/2008	Common Stock	16,611
Limited Partnership Units	\$ 24.5						02/04/1995	08/08/1988	Common Stock	38,203

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CATES GEORGE E 6584 POPLAR AVENUE SUITE 300 MEMPHIS, TN 38138-	X			

Signatures

Leslie Bratten Cantrell Wolfgang	11/17/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) The units are to be settled in MAA common stock in 2 equal annual installments beginning within 90 days following the end of the calendar year in which the reporting person ceases to be a director.

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