

COUSINS PROPERTIES INC  
 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 \*  
 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)

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

191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 3600

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

(Street)  
 ATLANTA, GA 30303

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V Amount		
Common Stock	12/11/2009		A	845 <sup>(1)</sup>	A \$ 7.2733	69,475 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	12/11/2009		A	23 <sup>(1)</sup>	A \$ 7.2733	1,953	I By Wife <sup>(3)</sup>

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)

Table with 9 columns: 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5). Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for PAYNE WILLIAM PORTER, 191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 3600, ATLANTA, GA 30303, with an 'X' in the 10% Owner column.

Signatures

/s/ Kristin R. Myers, by Power of Attorney 12/15/2009
\*\*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).

Shares of common stock acquired as a result of the elective stock dividend paid on December 11, 2009. Shareholders elected, pursuant to the terms of the Prospectus Supplement filed November 5, 2009 ("Supplement"), to receive the dividend in all or partial stock. If all stock was elected, shareholders received their entire dividend in stock. If partial stock was elected, shareholders received approximately \$0.0575 of the \$0.09 dividend in stock. The value of the shares distributed is \$7.2733 per share which were valued at the average closing price on December 1, 2, and 3, 2009 pursuant to the terms of the Supplement.

(1) Includes 607 shares of restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant as previously disclosed, and CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit if the Director's service as a member of the CPI Board of Directors terminates, unless separation is due to death.

(3) By reporting person's wife, as executrix of her father's estate, John F. Beard.

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