#### ROSENBERG SHELI Z

Form 4

January 20, 2005

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** ROSENBERG SHELI Z			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(T+)	(First)	/_ILL:M	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
(M				f Earliest Ti Day/Year) 005	ransaction			_X_ Director Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
F				nth/Day/Year	:)			Applicable Line)			
CHICAGO, IL 60606								_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/18/2005			A	39.698 (1)	A	\$ 25.19	35,570.559 (2) (3)	D		

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)

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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)	of		ate	Amou Under Securi	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					4, and 5)	Date	Expiration		Amount		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROSENBERG SHELI Z

TWO NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAZA, SUITE 600 X

CHICAGO, IL 60606

### **Signatures**

Sheli Z. Rosenberg, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

01/20/2005

\*\*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).
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan ("Plan") in lieu of
- (1) Director committee meeting fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) Includes 10.22 Units acquired on January 13, 2005 under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to dividend paid on January 13, 2005.
- (3) As of January 18, 2005, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 30,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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