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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, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

CATES GEORGE E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

6584 POPLAR AVENUE, SUITE 03/15/2006

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

MEMPHIS, TN 38138-

(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. Transa Code (Instr.	* · /		5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
G			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock								241,233.155	D	
Common Stock								6,976.534	I	IRA
Common Stock	03/15/2006		G	V	1,300	D	\$0	22,034.9396	I	JTWROS
Common Stock								13,024.669	I	Keough Plan
Common Stock								4,791.2447	I	Spouse

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Common Stock	5,728.359	I	Spouse IRA
Common Stock	86,938	I	Staland Investments, L.P.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	03/15/2006		A	150	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	150	\$ 56.6

Reporting Owners

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

Leslie Bratten Cantrell

Wolfgang 03/15/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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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