EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.

Form 4 April 09, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

obligations may continue. See Instruction

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Douglass Paula Terry

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.

[EQS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/07/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Director

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

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Estimated average

burden hours per

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

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2727 ALLEN PARKWAY, 13TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Vice President

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON,, TX 77019

(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)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	04/07/2008		P	2,100	A	\$ 6.93	51,359	D		
Common Stock	04/08/2008		P	875	A	\$ 6.95	52,234	D		
Common Stock							502,134	I	Trusts FBO Douglass family	

members of which Mrs. Douglass' spouse is

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								trustee, lifetime beneficiary
Common Stock						49,114	I	Trusts of which Mrs. Douglass is beneficiary
Common Stock						47,539	I	Trusts of which Mrs. Douglass' spouse is beneficiary
Common Stock	04/07/2008	P	200	A	\$ 6.93	46,768	I	Held by Mrs. Douglass' spouse
Common Stock	04/07/2008	P	2,900	A	\$ 7	49,668	I	Held by Mrs. Douglass' spouse
Common Stock	04/08/2008	P	600	A	\$ 6.95	50,268	I	Held by Mrs. Douglass' spouse

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

	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerci		7. Title		8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration Dat	e	Amoun	it of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Y	ear)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative		•		Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)	
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					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
					+, and 3)					
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						D.	P 1 ./1.	(or	
							Expiration	Title 1	Number	
						Exercisable	Date	(of	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Douglass Paula Terry

2727 ALLEN PARKWAY

Vice President

13TH FLOOR HOUSTON,, TX 77019

Signatures

Paula T. Douglass 04/09/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

Remarks:

Mrs. Douglass disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares not directly owned by her.

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