

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/15/2006

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

(Street)  
 MEMPHIS, TN 38138-

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 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                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 241,233.155   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 6,976.534   | I  | IRA   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/15/2006                           |  | G V                            | 1,300 D \$ 0  | 22,034.9396   | I  | JTWROS  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 13,024.669  | I  | Keough Plan   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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) |                            |         |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|---------|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |         |  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)                        |         |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0   | 03/15/2006                           |  | A                              | 150   | <u>(1)</u>   | <u>(1)</u>  | Common Stock                               | 150                        | \$ 56.0 |  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Leslie Bratten Cantrell  
Wolfgang 03/15/2006

\_\_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).
- (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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