Yenser Steven V Form 4 December 11, 2009

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Yenser Steven V Issuer Symbol

**COUSINS PROPERTIES INC** 

[CUZ]

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

12/09/2009

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify below) below) **EVP** 

191 PEACHTREE STREET NE, SUITE 3600

(First)

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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ATLANTA, GA 30303

| (City)                 | (State) (A                           | Table                         | I - Non-De        | erivative S                | Securi    | ties Acq              | uired, Disposed o                                  | f, or Beneficial          | ly Owned                     |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3.<br>Transaction | 4. Securi<br>n(A) or Di    |           | •                     | 5. Amount of Securities                            | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect        |
| (Instr. 3)             |                                      | any<br>(Month/Day/Year)       | Code (Instr. 8)   | (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |           | Beneficially<br>Owned | (D) or<br>Indirect (I)                             | Beneficial<br>Ownership   |                              |
|                        |                                      |                               |                   |                            | (A)<br>or |                       | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4)                | (Instr. 4)                   |
|                        |                                      |                               | Code V            | Amount                     | (D)       | Price                 | (Illstr. 5 and 4)                                  |                           |                              |
| Common<br>Stock        | 12/09/2009                           |                               | M(3)              | 662                        | A         | $\frac{\$ 0}{(3)}$    | 4,719  | D                         |                              |
| Common<br>Stock        | 12/09/2009                           |                               | D                 | 662                        | D         | \$<br>7.35            | 4,057  | D                         |                              |
| Common<br>Stock (1)    |                                      |                               |                   |                            |           |                       | 712.7508   | I                         | By Profit<br>Sharing<br>Plan |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number on 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<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |                                      | Code V                                 | (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock (2)                                | \$0   | 12/09/2009                           | M                                      | 662  | 12/09/2006(2)  | 12/09/2009         | Common<br>Stock   | 662                                    |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address          | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| ·r· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| Yenser Steven V                         |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |
| 191 PEACHTREE STREET NE                 |               |           | EVP     |       |  |  |  |
| SUITE 3600                              |               |           | EVP     |       |  |  |  |
| ATLANTA, GA 30303                       |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |

### **Signatures**

/s/ Steven V.
Yenser

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

12/11/2009

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) Shares held by the reporting person as beneficiary in the Company's Profit Sharing Plan.
  - Award of restricted stock units under the 2005 RSU Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the fair market value of one share of CPI's common stock as of the date payment is due under the plan. These units will vest 25% per year on
- (2) each anniversary date of the grant, with units being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends but will not have shareholder rights. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.
- (3) Restricted stock units were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the 2005 RSU Plan) and have vested as to 25% of the total units granted. As required under the 2005 RSU Plan, the vested units were settled for cash from CPI.

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Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CPI common stock.

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