

NATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTORS III
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 APARTMENT INVESTMENT & MANAGEMENT CO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET
 PARKWAY, SUITE 1100

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80237

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTORS III [NONE]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Limited Partnership Units | 12/30/2008 | ^ | L | 9 (1) A \$5 | 37,419 (2) | I | See Footnote (3) |

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) | 9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (E |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable (A) | Expiration Date (D) | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| APARTMENT INVESTMENT & MANAGEMENT CO 4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DENVER, CO 80237 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |
| AIMCO PROPERTIES LP 4582 SOUTH ULSTER STREET PARKWAY SUITE 1100 DENVER, CO 80237 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Derek McCandless, Senior Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Apartment Investment and Management Company

02/13/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) These Limited Partnership Units ("Units") were directly purchased by AIMCO Properties, L.P. ("AIMCO Properties").

(2) The Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned is 37,419, consisting of 15,853 Units held by AIMCO Properties; and 21,566.00 Units held by AIMCO IPLP, L.P. ("IPLP").

(3) AIMCO Properties is a joint filer with AIMCO-GP, Inc. ("AIMCO-GP") and Apartment Investment and Management Company ("AIMCO") for purposes of Section 13(d) reporting of the Exchange Act. AIMCO-GP is the sole general partner of AIMCO Properties and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AIMCO. IPLP is a joint filer with AIMCO/IPT, Inc. ("AIMCO/IPT") and AIMCO for purposes of Section 13(d) reporting of the Exchange Act. AIMCO/IPT is the sole general partner of IPLP and a wholly-owned subsidiary of AIMCO.

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