

SYMINGTON JAMES W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SYMINGTON JAMES W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SAUL CENTERS INC [BFS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7501 WISCONSIN AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/29/2008

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BETHESDA, MD 20814

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	12/29/2008		S	900	\$ 36.7044	519.345	D

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)**

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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. 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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Stock Option	\$ 33.22					05/06/2005	05/06/2015	Common Stock	2,500
Phantom Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 36.7044 <sup>(1)</sup>					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	37.699
Stock Option	\$ 40.35					05/01/2006	05/01/2016	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option	\$ 54.17					04/27/2007	04/27/2017	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Option	\$ 50.15					04/25/2008	04/25/2018	Common Stock	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SYMINGTON JAMES W 7501 WISCONSIN AVENUE 15TH FLOOR BETHESDA, MD 20814	X			

## Signatures

Scott V. Schneider, by Power of Attorney

12/29/2008

\*\*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).

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Under the terms of the reporting person's Deferred Fee Agreement, payment of shares of the issuer's common stock commences at such time as the reporting person ceases to be a director of the issuer. A portion of the payment will be a lump sum upon termination of directorship with the balance paid in five annual equal installments upon termination of directorship.

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- (3) Pursuant to the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan under its 2004 Stock Plan and the Deferred Fee Agreement executed by the reporting person, the reporting person has elected to defer receipt of his director's fees, and receive phantom stock, the amount of which is calculated as the quotient of the dollar value of fees deferred, divided by the fair market value of the issuer's shares on the date the phantom stock is received.

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