

FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST
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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 *
 BERKES JEFFREY S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST [FRT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1626 EAST JEFFERSON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/04/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP-Chief Investment Officer

ROCKVILLE, MD 20852

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) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Common shares of beneficial interest | 12/04/2008 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$ 28.01 |
| | | | | | 57,661 | 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)

| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee stock option | \$ 28.01 | 12/04/2008 | | M | 5,000 | 02/12/2004 ⁽²⁾ 02/12/2013 | Common shares of beneficial interest |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BERKES JEFFREY S 1626 EAST JEFFERSON STREET ROCKVILLE, MD 20852 | | | EVP-Chief Investment Officer | |

Signatures

Dawn M. Becker, by power of attorney
12/08/2008

**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).
- (1) Mr. Berkes currently hold a total of 12,741 options.
- (2) 3,570 of the options vested on 2/12/04 and 1,430 of the options vested on 2/12/05.

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