### Edgar Filing: EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC. - Form 4

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC. Form 4 November 29, 2007 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **Douglass Paula Terry** Issuer Symbol EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC. (Check all applicable) [EQS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X\_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 2727 ALLEN PARKWAY, 13TH 11/28/2007 Vice President **FLOOR** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON,, TX 77019 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common Р 11/28/2007 1,600 A 34,750 D Stock 6.34 Common 11/28/2007 Ρ 400 D 35,150 A 6.33 Stock Common 11/28/2007 Ρ 200 A 35,350 D 6.35 Stock Common Р D 11/28/2007 3.400 A \$ 6.4 38,750 Stock Common Ρ 11/28/2007 20038,950 D Α Stock

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| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 6,100 | А | \$ 6.5     | 45,050  | D |                                                                 |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|---------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 1,800 | А | \$<br>6.53 | 46,850  | D |                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 300   | А | \$<br>6.54 | 47,150  | D |                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |            | 490,582 | I | See Footnote 1 $(1)$                                            |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |            | 47,919  | I | Trusts of<br>which Mrs.<br>Douglass is<br>beneficiary           |
| Common<br>Stock |            |   |       |   |            | 46,446  | I | Trust of<br>which Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse is<br>beneficiary |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/27/2007 | Р | 2,900 | A | \$ 6       | 25,715  | I | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 900   | A | \$ 6.1     | 26,615  | I | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 2,300 | A | \$<br>6.11 | 28,915  | I | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 1,000 | A | \$<br>6.15 | 29,915  | I | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 900   | A | \$<br>6.19 | 30,815  | I | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 200   | A | \$<br>6.24 | 31,015  | Ι | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse                          |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 3,400 | А | \$ 6.3     | 34,415  | Ι | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'                                    |

|                 |            |   |       |   |            |        |   | spouse                                 |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|--------|---|----------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 100   | A | \$<br>6.34 | 34,515 | Ι | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 3,100 | A | \$ 6.4     | 37,615 | I | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse |
| Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2007 | Р | 7,100 | А | \$<br>6.39 | 44,715 | Ι | Held by<br>Mrs.<br>Douglass'<br>spouse |

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<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or |                     | ate                | Secur | unt of<br>rlying                       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                        | Disposed<br>of (D)                                   |                     |                    |       |                                        |                                                     | Trans<br>(Instr                                         |
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                        | (Instr. 3,                                           |                     |                    |       |                                        |                                                     | (                                                       |
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                        | 4, and 5)                                            |                     |                    |       |                                        |                                                     |                                                         |
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         | Code V                                 | (A) (D)                                              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                                     |                                                         |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships  |                |         |       |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|                                | Director       | 10% Owner      | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |
| Douglass Paula Terry           |                |                |         |       |  |  |  |  |
| 2727 ALLEN PARKWAY             | Vice President |                |         |       |  |  |  |  |
| 13TH FLOOR                     |                | vice President |         |       |  |  |  |  |
| HOUSTON., TX 77019             |                |                |         |       |  |  |  |  |

# Signatures

Paula T. Douglass

11/29/2007

| **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) Trusts FBO Douglass family members of which Mrs. Douglass' spouse is trusteee and lifetime beneficiary

#### **Remarks:**

Mrs. Douglass disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares not directly owned by her.

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