

MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC  
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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 \*  
**FRENCH RUSSELL R**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MID AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES INC [MAA]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**6584 POPLAR AVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/14/2016**

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

**MEMPHIS, TN 38138**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2016			M	18,093.6239	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/14/2016			D	18,093.6239	D	\$ 89.6861
							40,936.6239
							22,843

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
PPS Phantom Stock	(1)	12/14/2016		M	18,093.6239	12/14/2016 12/14/2016	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRENCH RUSSELL R 6584 POPLAR AVE MEMPHIS, TN 38138		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Leslie  
Wolfgang  
Date: 12/16/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) As of December 1, 2016, the Issuer acquired Post Properties, Inc. ("Post") pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 15, 2016, by and among Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc. (MAA), Mid-America Apartments, L.P., Post, Post GP Holdings, Inc. and Post Apartment Homes, L.P. ("Merger"). Each Phantom stock unit was the economic equivalent of one share of MAA common stock. Phantom stock units were held in the Post Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan") under the terms of which units are to be settled in cash as a result of the Merger. On December 14, 2016, the reporting person's holdings in the Plan were liquidated and distributed in cash in accordance with the Plan.

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