

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RITCHEY RAYMOND A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O BOSTON PROPERTIES, INC.</u> <u>111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02199</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BOSTON PROPERTIES INC [BXP]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/10/2004</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		M		50,000	A	\$34.375	83,116	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		2,200	D	\$53.3	80,916	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,900	D	\$53.33	79,016	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		200	D	\$53.34	78,816	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		100	D	\$53.35	78,716	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		300	D	\$53.36	78,416	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		100	D	\$53.37	78,316	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		700	D	\$53.38	77,616	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		800	D	\$53.39	76,816	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,100	D	\$53.4	75,716	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,350	D	\$53.41	74,366	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		3,800	D	\$53.42	70,566	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,550	D	\$53.43	69,016	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,400	D	\$53.45	67,616	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		2,200	D	\$53.46	65,416	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		300	D	\$53.47	65,116	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		2,200	D	\$53.48	62,916	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		750	D	\$53.49	62,166	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		2,800	D	\$53.5	59,366	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		500	D	\$53.51	58,866	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		2,000	D	\$53.52	56,866	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,800	D	\$53.53	55,066	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,500	D	\$53.54	53,566	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		5,400	D	\$53.55	48,166	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		2,450	D	\$53.56	45,716	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,400	D	\$53.57	44,316	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,400	D	\$53.58	42,916	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		100	D	\$53.59	42,816	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01	08/10/2004		S		1,400	D	\$53.6	41,416	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$34.375	08/10/2004		M			50,000	(1)	03/24/2008	Common Stock	50,000	\$0	100,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on March 24, 1999.

Remarks:

This is the first of two Forms 4 filed by the reporting person on August 11, 2004.

Arthur S. Flashman, as
Attorney-in-Fact

08/11/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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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