COUSINS PROPERTIES INC

Form 4

September 15, 2014

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Connolly Michael Colin | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | COUSINS PROPERTIES INC [CUZ] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner Other (specify | | | |
| 191 PEACHTREE STREET NE, SUITE 500 | 09/14/2014 | below) below) Chief Investment Officer | | | |
| (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 | | | |
| ATLANTA, GA 30303 | | Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y 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. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4 | sposed | of (D) | 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) |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2014 | | M(2) | 20,000 | A | \$ 0 | 43,020 (3) | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2014 | | D | 20,000 | D | \$ 12.91 | 23,020 (3) | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of actionDerivative Securities 8) 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 (1) | 09/14/2014 | | M(2) | | 20,000 | 09/14/2014 | 09/14/2014 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Connolly Michael Colin 191 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 500 ATLANTA, GA 30303

Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael C. Connolly 09/15/2014

**Signature of Reporting 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).

Award of restricted stock units under Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the average of the closing price of CPI's common stock on each trading day during the 30 day period (1) ending on the date payment is due under the plan. These units will vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant date. While the shares are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends but will not have shareholder rights.

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- Restricted stock units were granted under the Cousins Properties Incorporated 2005 Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the 2005 RSU Plan) and (2) have vested as to 100% of the total units granted. As required under the 2005 RSU Plan, the vested units were settled for cash from CPI. Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of CPI common stock.
- Includes 19,200 of restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 2009 Incentive Stock Plan. While the shares (3) are being held prior to vesting, the reporting person will have the right to receive all cash dividends and to vote the restricted shares. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

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