#### **COUSINS PROPERTIES INC**

Form 4

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**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Harris John D Jr	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COUSINS PROPERTIES INC [CUZ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  191 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 3600	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2008	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President		
(Street) ATLANTA, GA 30303	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/09/2008		F(4)	168	D	\$ 12.63	2,760 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2008		M(2)	59	A	\$ 0 (2)	2,819 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2008		D	59	D	\$ 12.63	2,760 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2008		M(2)	412	A	\$ 0 (2)	3,172 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2008		D	412	D	\$ 11.17	2,760 (1)	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Fransaction of Expiration Date Code Derivative (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	(2)	12/09/2008		M(2)	59	12/09/2006(3)	12/09/2009	Common Stock	59
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>	12/11/2008		M(2)	412	12/11/2007(3)	12/11/2010	Common Stock	412

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Harris John D Jr 191 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 3600 ATLANTA, GA 30303

Senior Vice President

### **Signatures**

/s/ John D. Harris, Jr. 12/11/2008

\*\*Signature of Date
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) Includes 1,164 restricted stock awarded under the Cousins Properties Incorporated (CPI) 1999 Incentive Stock Plan. These shares will vest 25% per year on each anniversary date of the grant, and CPI will hold these shares until such shares become vested. While the shares 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

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unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.

- 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 25% 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.
  - Award of restricted stock units under the 2005 RSU Plan. Each unit represents a right to receive a payment in cash equal to the fair market value of one share of CPI's common stock as of the date payment is due under the plan. These units will vest 25% per year on
- (3) each anniversary date of the grant, with units being 100% vested in year 4 of the grant term. 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. All unvested shares will forfeit upon termination of employment.
- (4) Shares withheld from the vesting of restricted stock to pay the reporting person's tax liability as permitted under the 1999 Incentive Stock Plan.

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