FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PATRICOF ALAN J				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON PROPERTIES INC [ BXP ]						(Ch	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/30/2004							Officer below)	(give title	Other (: below)	specify	
445 PARK AVENUE					4. If Amendment, Date of 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. Transact Date (Month/Day)			!	Execution Date,		Code (Instr. 5)			Beneficia	es Form ally (D) o Following (I) (In	orm: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		(Instr. 4)	
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)	or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Execution Date,	Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		ve es d ed nstr.	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)	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				
Dividend Equivalent Rights	(1)	07/30/2004		A		120.96		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	120.96	\$0	9,965.45	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Acquired as quarterly dividends on July 30, 2004. The rights were granted as a component of the Phantom Stock Units that were awarded under the Boston Properties, Inc. 1997 Stock Option and Incentive Plan to non-employee directors who elected to receive Phantom Stock Units in lieu of director compensation fees. The rights are to be settled in shares of Common Stock upon Mr. Patricof's retirement from the Boston Properties Board of Directors.

## Remarks:

Arthur S. Flashman, as attorney-in-fact

08/02/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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