

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Douglass Paula Terry

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
 [EQS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2727 ALLEN PARKWAY, 13TH FLOOR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/27/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77019

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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                    | 09/27/2007                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 189,716   | A  | 7.74 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 33,150  |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 47,919  |  |   |

Trust of which Mrs. Douglass is the beneficiary



## 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).

The securities were previously pledged to the Douglass Trust IV FBO Brooke Douglass and the Douglass Trust IV FBO Sam Preston

(1) Douglass, Jr. as collateral to secure certain promissory notes and transferred to the Douglass Trust IV FBO Brooke Douglass and the Douglass Trust IV FBO Sam Preston Douglass, Jr. in partial settlement of such notes. The settlement included \$1,468,401.84 for the transferred securities and the issuance of additional promissory notes.

(2) Trusts FBO Douglass family members of which Mrs. Douglass' spouse is trustee and lifetime beneficiary

### Remarks:

Mrs. Douglass disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares not directly owned by her.

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