

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Howard Kevin Maxen (Last) (First) (Middle) 14855 SE 82ND DRIVE (Street) CLACKAMAS, OR 97015 (City) (State) (Zip) | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National Storage Affiliates Trust [NSA] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | |
| | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2018 | | | |
| | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | 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 | | | |

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. 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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Class A OP Units (1) | (1) | 01/08/2018 | | P | | 1,505 (2) | | (1) | (3) | Common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value | 1,505.00 (1) (2) | \$ 26.66 | 4,190,359 (4) | I | See Footnote (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Howard Kevin Maxen 14855 SE 82ND DRIVE CLACKAMAS, OR 97015 | X | X | | |

Signatures

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| Kevin Maxen Howard, by Jason Parsont, his Attorney-in-fact <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> | 01/10/2018 <small>Date</small> |
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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).

Beginning after January 8, 2019, the Reporting Person will have the right to cause NSA OP, LP (the "Partnership") to redeem all or a portion of the Reporting Person's Class A common units of limited partner interest (the "Class A OP Units") of the Partnership reported in this Form 4 for cash in an amount equal to the market value of an equivalent number of common shares of beneficial interest of National Storage Affiliates Trust (the "Issuer"), or at the Issuer's option, common shares of beneficial interest on a one-for-one basis, subject to certain adjustments.

(1) Consists of 1,505 Class A OP Units of the Partnership issued to Howard Family Limited Partnership II. The Reporting Person has or shares voting and investment power with respect to Howard Family Limited Partnership II. This filing shall not be deemed to be an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of any of the securities reported herein, and the Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein.

(3) N/A

The Reporting Person's total direct and indirect beneficial ownership of Class A OP Units following the transactions reported in the table above is 4,190,359 Class A OP Units, (4) which includes those Class A OP Units previously reported and the Class A OP Units reported herein (together with those securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, such Class A OP Units as specified in such previous reports). The 4,190,359 Class A OP Units do not include derivative securities of other classes or non-derivative securities of the Reporting Person that were previously reported.

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