FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1 | 1 0 | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC</u> [AVB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2003 | 5. Relationship of Re (Check all applicable X Director Officer (giv below) | 10% Owner | |
| (Street) ALEXANDRIA (City) | VA (State) | 22314 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | X Form filed | 'Group Filing (Check Applicable Line by One Reporting Person by More than One Reporting Perso | , |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 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. | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |

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) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | | | 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) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Form: 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Deferred Stock Units | (1) | 10/15/2003 | | Α | | 196.087 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 196.087 | (3) | 13,305.885 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents Deferred Stock Units ("Units") which convert on a one to one basis into Common Stock.

2. The units will convert into Common Stock when the reporting person ceases to be an employee or director of the issuer.

3. These units were issued on the third quarter payment date of the Company's stock dividend.

Remarks:

By Edward M. Schulman under

Power of Attorney dated January

27,2000

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

10/16/2003

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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