FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BURTON EDWIN T III |   |  |   |               | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SL GREEN REALTY CORP [ SLG ] |    |              |      |  |          |                |  | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner  |   |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|---------------|--|----|--------------|------|--|----------|----------------|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O 420 LEXINGTON AVENUE            |   |  |   |               | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2004              |    |              |      |  |          |                |  |  | (give title   |   | Other (s<br>below)                                  |  |  |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10024                                  |   |  |   | 4. If         | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                 |    |              |      |  |          |                | Lin  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |  |  |
| (City)  | (S  |  | (Zip)   |               |  |    |              |      |  |          |                |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - Non-   | -Deriv        | ative  | Se | curities     | s Ac | quired, D  | isp      | osed c         | of, or Be  | neficial   | ly Owned  | i .   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D     |   |  |   | Execution Dat |  |    | Code (Instr. |      |  |          |                | Benefic<br>Owned   | es Fo<br>ially (D)<br>Following (I)  |   | rm: Direct<br>) or Indirect<br>(Instr. 4)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |
|   |   |  |   |               |  |    |              |      | Code   | ,        | Amount         | (A) o<br>(D)   | r<br>Price   | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3                     | ction(s)  |   |  | (Instr. 4)   |
|   |   | 7  | able II - D   |               |  |    |              |      | uired, Dis<br>, options  |          |                |  |  | Owned   |   |   |  | •  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |               | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr<br>8)                                   |    | n of         |      | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |          |                | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactic<br>(Instr. 4) | Owner Form Direct or Ind (I) (In:                   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | ,             | Code   | v  | (A)          | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Ex<br>Da | piration<br>te | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                        | \$42.47   | 05/19/2004                                 |   |               | A  |    | 6,000        |      | 05/19/2004   | 05       | /19/2014       | Common<br>Stock  | 6,000  | (1)   | 6,000   |   | D  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Not Applicable.

Edwin T. Burton, by Andrew Levine, attorney-in-fact

05/19/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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