Azrack Joseph F Form 4 April 05, 2010

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Azrack Joseph F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. [NYSE: ARI]

(Check all applicable)

President and CEO

C/O APOLLO GLOBAL

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2010

X\_ Officer (give title below)

X\_ Director

Other (specify

10% Owner

MANAGEMENT, LLC, 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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

NEW YORK, NY 10019

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount (D)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price \$

(A)

36,244 D

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04/01/2010 Stock

F 1,256 D 17.93 (1)

> By ACREFI Co-Investors, L.P. (2)

Common Stock

Common

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date		4.	5. ionNumber	6. Date Exerc		7. Tit		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	<b>.</b>		Under	rlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. Fr G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Azrack Joseph F C/O APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 9 WEST 57TH STREET, 43RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	X		President and CEO			

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jessica Lomm, as Attorney-in-Fact 04/05/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **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).
- (1) Consists of shares of Common Stock withheld by Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. in order to satisfy the minimum tax withholding obligation of Mr. Azrack on shares of restricted stock vested on April 1, 2010.
- ACREFI Co-Investors, L.P. ("Co-Investors") is the direct owner of the reported securities. Mr. Azrack is a limited partner with a non-controlling interest in Co-Investors. Mr. Azrack disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities beneficially owned by Co-Investors except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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