Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.

Form 4

August 01, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

**OMB** 

3235-0287 Number: January 31, Expires:

**OMB APPROVAL** 

2005

0.5

Estimated average burden hours per response...

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

Check this box

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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Athene Group Ltd Issuer Symbol Apollo Commercial Real Estate (Check all applicable) Finance, Inc. [ARI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director \_X\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O WALKER CORPORATE 07/30/2012

SERVICES LIMITED, WALKER HOUSE, 87 MARY STREET

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

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

GEORGE TOWN, E9 KY1-9005

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of (	` '	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)
Common Stock	07/30/2012		S	34,663	D	\$ 16.8348 (1)	2,975,930 (4)	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	07/31/2012		S	37,832	D	\$ 16.8693 (2)	2,938,098 (4)	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock	08/01/2012		S	22,124	D	\$ 16.7289 (3)	2,915,974 (4)	I	See footnote (4)

#### Edgar Filing: Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. - Form 4

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SEC 1474 (9-02)

> 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day	/Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	<li>Derivation</li>	ve		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securitie	es		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquire	i				
					(A) or					
					Disposed	i				
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						D .	D		or	
						Date	Expiration Date	Title	Number	
						Exercisable			of	
				Code	V (A) (D)	)			Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
. 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Athene Group Ltd C/O WALKER CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED WALKER HOUSE, 87 MARY STREET GEORGE TOWN, E9 KY1-9005		X				
ATHENE ANNUITY & LIFE ASSURANCE Co PO BOX 19043 GREENVILLE, SC 29602-9043		X				
Athene Asset Management LLC 818 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD SUITE 100 MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266		X				
Apollo Life Asset Ltd. C/O WALKER CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED WALKER HOUSE, 87 MARY STREET GEORGE TOWN, E9 KY1-9005		X				
Apollo Capital Management, L.P. 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019		X				
		X				

Reporting Owners 2

X

Apollo Capital Management GP, LLC

9 WEST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK, NY 10019

Apollo Management Holdings, L.P.

9 W. 57TH STREET

NEW YORK, NY 10019

Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC

9 W. 57TH STREET 43RD FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10019

Athene Holding Ltd

96 PITTS BAY ROAD X

PEMBROKE, D0 HM08

## **Signatures**

[see signatures attached as Exhibit 99.2] 08/01/2012

\*\*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) See Exhibit 99.1.
- (2) See Exhibit 99.1.
- (3) See Exhibit 99.1.
- (4) See Exhibit 99.1.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

Signatures 3