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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Attached hereto is Amendment No. 12 to First Union Real Estate Equity and Mortgage Investment s Schedule 13D with respect to common stock of Sizeler Property Investors, Inc. (Sizeler), filed today with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). The amendment attaches a letter from First Union to Sizeler and a Press Release, each dated March 15, 2005, expressing First Union s dissatisfaction with Sizeler s proposed sale of 2,649,000 shares of common stock at \$10.75 per share and offering Sizeler four alternative transactions to its proposed sale of shares.

First Union previously notified Sizeler of its intention to file a proxy statement and other relevant documents with the SEC in support of the election as directors of Sizeler of Michael L. Ashner, Peter Braverman and Steven Zalkind at Sizeler s 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. You will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC s website, www.sec.gov. First Union and Messrs. Ashner, Braverman and Zalkind may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Sizeler in connection with the annual meeting. Information about these participants is set forth in the preliminary proxy statement filed by First Union with the SEC. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the definitive proxy statement when it becomes available.