

## Section 1: 10-Q (10-Q)

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

### FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-11290

## NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

Maryland

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

56-1431377

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)*

450 South Orange Avenue, Suite 900

Orlando, Florida 32801

*(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (407) 265-7348

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date.

153,849,191 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, outstanding as of April 27, 2018.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.  
and SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Real estate portfolio:		
Accounted for using the operating method, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	\$ 6,529,910	\$ 6,426,640
Accounted for using the direct financing method	9,422	9,650
Real estate held for sale	3,791	6,371
Cash and cash equivalents	4,002	1,364
Receivables, net of allowance of \$879 and \$1,119, respectively	3,863	4,317
Accrued rental income, net of allowance of \$1,936	26,361	25,916
Debt costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$13,023 and \$12,667, respectively	5,062	5,380
Other assets	78,245	80,896
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,660,656</u>	<u>\$ 6,560,534</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities:		
Line of credit payable	\$ 176,400	\$ 120,500
Mortgages payable, including unamortized premium and net of unamortized debt costs	13,149	13,300
Notes payable, net of unamortized discount and unamortized debt costs	2,447,393	2,446,407
Accrued interest payable	36,379	20,311
Other liabilities	122,829	119,106
Total liabilities	<u>2,796,150</u>	<u>2,719,624</u>
Equity:		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 15,000,000 shares		
5.700% Series E, 115,000 shares issued and outstanding, at stated liquidation value of \$2,500 per share	287,500	287,500
5.200% Series F, 138,000 shares issued and outstanding, at stated liquidation value of \$2,500 per share	345,000	345,000
Common stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized 375,000,000 shares; 153,848,013 and 153,577,028 shares issued and outstanding, respectively		
Capital in excess of par value	3,602,865	3,599,475
Accumulated deficit	(357,216)	(379,181)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(15,509)	(13,738)
Total stockholders' equity of NNN	<u>3,864,180</u>	<u>3,840,593</u>
Noncontrolling interests	326	317
Total equity	<u>3,864,506</u>	<u>3,840,910</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 6,660,656</u>	<u>\$ 6,560,534</u>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.  
and SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Rental income from operating leases	\$ 147,829	\$ 136,493
Earned income from direct financing leases	230	257
Percentage rent	546	548
Real estate expense reimbursement from tenants	4,158	3,860
Interest and other income from real estate transactions	73	274
	<u>152,836</u>	<u>141,432</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>		
General and administrative	8,697	8,919
Real estate	5,862	5,663
Depreciation and amortization	44,498	40,143
Impairment losses – real estate and other charges, net of recoveries	2,248	1,206
Retirement severance costs	261	—
	<u>61,566</u>	<u>55,931</u>
Earnings from operations	<u>91,270</u>	<u>85,501</u>
<b>Other expenses (revenues):</b>		
Interest and other income	(25)	(137)
Interest expense	26,602	26,614
	<u>26,577</u>	<u>26,477</u>
Earnings before gain on disposition of real estate	64,693	59,024
Gain on disposition of real estate	38,596	14,624
Net earnings	103,289	73,648
Loss (earnings) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(9)	9
Net earnings attributable to NNN	103,280	73,657
Series D preferred stock dividends	—	(3,598)
Series E preferred stock dividends	(4,097)	(4,097)
Series F preferred stock dividends	(4,485)	(4,485)
Excess of redemption value over carrying value of Series D preferred shares redeemed	—	(9,855)
Net earnings attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ 94,698</u>	<u>\$ 51,622</u>
<b>Net earnings per share of common stock:</b>		
Basic	<u>\$ 0.62</u>	<u>\$ 0.35</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 0.62</u>	<u>\$ 0.35</u>
<b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:</b>		
Basic	<u>153,041,056</u>	<u>146,929,678</u>
Diluted	<u>153,393,383</u>	<u>147,279,537</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>		
Net earnings attributable to NNN	\$ 103,280	\$ 73,657
Amortization of deferred interest rate hedges	525	447
Deferred fair value of forward starting swaps	(2,164)	(554)
Net gain (loss) – available-for-sale securities	(132)	74
Comprehensive income attributable to NNN	<u>\$ 101,509</u>	<u>\$ 73,624</u>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.  
and SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net earnings	\$ 103,289	\$ 73,648
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization	44,498	40,143
Impairment losses – real estate and other charges, net of recoveries	2,248	1,206
Amortization of notes payable discount	458	437
Amortization of debt costs	888	859
Amortization of mortgages payable premium	(21)	(21)
Amortization of deferred interest rate hedges	525	447
Gain on disposition of real estate	(38,596)	(14,624)
Performance incentive plan expense	2,275	2,755
Performance incentive plan payment	(432)	(862)
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of assets acquired and liabilities assumed:</b>		
Decrease in real estate leased to others using the direct financing method	228	231
Decrease in receivables	125	307
Increase in accrued rental income	(998)	(675)
Decrease in other assets	414	453
Increase in accrued interest payable	16,068	16,714
Decrease in other liabilities	(1,082)	(3,701)
Other	110	(125)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>129,997</b>	<b>117,192</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from the disposition of real estate	71,627	39,251
<b>Additions to real estate:</b>		
Accounted for using the operating method	(174,986)	(98,058)
Other	207	(40)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(103,152)</b>	<b>(58,847)</b>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.  
and SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED  
(dollars in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Proceeds from line of credit payable	\$ 491,000	\$ 103,700
Repayment of line of credit payable	(435,100)	(103,700)
Repayment of mortgages payable	(134)	(127)
Payment of debt costs	(38)	(92)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	1,554	49,011
Stock issuance costs	(174)	(798)
Redemption of Series D preferred stock	—	(287,500)
Payment of Series D preferred stock dividends	—	(3,598)
Payment of Series E preferred stock dividends	(4,097)	(4,097)
Payment of Series F preferred stock dividends	(4,485)	(4,485)
Payment of common stock dividends	(72,733)	(66,781)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(24,207)</u>	<u>(318,467)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	2,638	(260,122)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	1,364	294,540
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>\$ 4,002</u>	<u>\$ 34,418</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Interest paid, net of amount capitalized	\$ 9,512	\$ 8,732
Taxes received	\$ —	\$ (3)
<b>Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:</b>		
Change in other comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,171</u>	<u>\$ 33</u>
Change in lease classification (direct financing lease to operating lease)	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 696</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash is the aggregate of Cash and cash equivalents and Restricted cash and cash held in escrow from the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. NNN did not have Restricted cash and cash held in escrow at March 31, 2018 and 2017.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.  
and SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
March 31, 2018  
(Unaudited)

**Note 1 – Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

**Organization and Nature of Business** – National Retail Properties, Inc., a Maryland corporation, is a fully integrated real estate investment trust (“REIT”) formed in 1984. The terms “NNN” or the “Company” refer to National Retail Properties, Inc. and all of its consolidated subsidiaries.

NNN’s assets primarily include real estate assets. NNN acquires, owns, invests in and develops properties that are leased primarily to retail tenants under long-term net leases and primarily held for investment (“Properties”, “Property Portfolio”, or individually a “Property”).

	March 31, 2018
<b>Property Portfolio:</b>	
Total properties	2,800
Gross leasable area (square feet)	29,116,000
States	48
Weighted average remaining lease term (years)	11.4

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and do not include all of the information and note disclosures required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (including normal recurring accruals) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods presented. Operating results for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2018. Amounts as of December 31, 2017, included in the condensed consolidated financial statements have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of that date. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, included herein, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto as well as Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in NNN’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

**Principles of Consolidation** – NNN’s condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of each of the respective majority owned and controlled affiliates, including transactions whereby NNN has been determined to be the primary beneficiary in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) guidance included in *Consolidation*. All significant intercompany account balances and transactions have been eliminated.

**Real Estate Portfolio** – NNN records the acquisition of real estate at cost, including acquisition and closing costs. The cost of properties developed by NNN includes direct and indirect costs of construction, property taxes, interest and other miscellaneous costs incurred during the development period until the project is substantially complete and available for occupancy. NNN recorded \$828,000 and \$554,000 in capitalized interest during the development period for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**Purchase Accounting for Acquisition of Real Estate Subject to a Lease** – In accordance with the FASB guidance on business combinations, the fair value of the real estate acquired with in-place leases is allocated to the acquired tangible assets, consisting of land, building and tenant improvements, and identified intangible assets and liabilities, consisting of the value of above-market and below-market leases and the value of in-place leases, as applicable, based on their respective fair values. Prior to the adoption of ASU 2017-01, “Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the definition of a Business,” on January 1, 2017, acquisition and closing costs incurred on the acquisition of real estate with an in-place lease were expensed as incurred and recorded as real estate acquisition costs.

The fair value of the tangible assets of an acquired leased property is determined by valuing the property as if it were vacant, and the “as-if-vacant” value is then allocated to land, building and tenant improvements based on the determination of their fair values.

In allocating the fair value of the identified intangible assets and liabilities of an acquired property, above-market and below-market in-place lease values are recorded as other assets or liabilities based on the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant



to the in-place leases, and (ii) management's estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases, measured over a period equal to the remaining term of the lease and the applicable option terms if it is probable that the tenant will exercise options. The capitalized above-market lease values are amortized as a reduction of rental income over the remaining terms of the respective leases. The capitalized below-market lease values are amortized as an increase to rental income over the initial term unless the Company believes that it is likely that the tenant will renew the lease for an option term whereby the Company amortizes the value attributable to the renewal over the renewal period.

The aggregate value of other acquired intangible assets, consisting of in-place leases, is measured by the excess of (i) the purchase price paid for a property after adjusting existing in-place leases to market rental rates over (ii) the estimated fair value of the property as-if-vacant, determined as set forth above. The value of in-place leases exclusive of the value of above-market and below-market in-place leases is amortized to expense over the remaining non-cancelable periods of the respective leases. If a lease were to be terminated prior to its stated expiration, all unamortized amounts relating to that lease would be written off in that period. The value of tenant relationships is reviewed on individual transactions to determine if future value was derived from the acquisition.

Intangible assets and liabilities consisted of the following as of (dollars in thousands):

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
<b>Intangible lease assets (included in Other assets):</b>		
Above-market in-place leases	\$ 16,467	\$ 16,583
Less: accumulated amortization	(9,601)	(9,299)
Above market in-place leases, net	<u>\$ 6,866</u>	<u>\$ 7,284</u>
<b>In-place leases</b>		
In-place leases	\$ 106,831	\$ 104,592
Less: accumulated amortization	(63,497)	(61,004)
In-place leases, net	<u>\$ 43,334</u>	<u>\$ 43,588</u>
<b>Intangible lease liabilities (included in Other liabilities):</b>		
Below-market in-place leases	\$ 44,552	\$ 44,468
Less: accumulated amortization	(25,990)	(26,055)
Below-market in-place leases, net	<u>\$ 18,562</u>	<u>\$ 18,413</u>

The amounts amortized as a net increase to rental income for capitalized above-market and below-market leases for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, were \$698,000 and \$660,000, respectively. The value of in-place leases amortized to expense for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, were \$3,146,000 and \$3,327,000, respectively.

**Debt Costs – Line of Credit Payable** – Debt costs incurred in connection with NNN's \$900,000,000 line of credit have been deferred and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the loan commitment using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. NNN has recorded debt costs associated with the line of credit as an asset, in Debt costs on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Debt Costs – Mortgages Payable** – Debt costs incurred in connection with NNN's mortgages payable have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the respective loan commitment using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. These costs of \$147,000 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, are included in Mortgages payable on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets net of accumulated amortization of \$60,000 and \$55,000, respectively.

**Debt Costs – Notes Payable** – Debt costs incurred in connection with the issuance of NNN's notes payable have been deferred and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the respective debt obligation using the effective interest method. These costs of \$22,682,000 at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, are included in Notes payable on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets net of accumulated amortization of \$6,865,000 and \$6,337,000, respectively.

**Revenue Recognition** – In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). The core principle of ASU 2014-09, is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Certain contracts are excluded from ASU 2014-09, including lease contracts within the scope of the FASB guidance included in Leases (Topic 842). NNN adopted ASU 2014-09 on January 1, 2018, and applied the cumulative catch-up transition method. Through the evaluation and implementation process, NNN determined the key revenue stream

impacted by ASU 2014-09 is Gain on disposition of real estate reported on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. NNN currently recognizes revenue at the time of closing (i.e., transfer of asset). Upon adoption of ASU 2014-09, NNN will evaluate any separate contracts or performance obligations to determine proper timing of revenue recognition, as well as, transaction price allocation. The adoption of ASU 2014-09 did not have a material impact on NNN's financial position and results of operations.

**Earnings Per Share** – Earnings per share have been computed pursuant to the FASB guidance included in *Earnings Per Share*. The guidance requires classification of the Company's unvested restricted share units, which carry rights to receive nonforfeitable dividends, as participating securities requiring the two-class method of computing earnings per share. Under the two-class method, earnings per common share are computed by dividing the sum of distributed earnings to common stockholders and undistributed earnings allocated to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. In applying the two-class method, undistributed earnings are allocated to both common shares and participating securities based on the weighted average shares outstanding during the period.

The following table is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share using the two-class method (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Basic and Diluted Earnings:</b>		
Net earnings attributable to NNN	\$ 103,280	\$ 73,657
Less: Series D preferred stock dividends	—	(3,598)
Less: Series E preferred stock dividends	(4,097)	(4,097)
Less: Series F preferred stock dividends	(4,485)	(4,485)
Less: Excess of redemption value over carrying value of Series D preferred shares redeemed	—	(9,855)
Net earnings available to NNN's common stockholders	94,698	51,622
Less: Earnings allocated to unvested restricted shares	(147)	(130)
Net earnings used in basic and diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 94,551</u>	<u>\$ 51,492</u>
<b>Basic and Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding:</b>		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	153,678,913	147,581,522
Less: Unvested restricted stock	(237,617)	(285,887)
Less: Unvested contingent restricted shares	(400,240)	(365,957)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding used in basic earnings per share	153,041,056	146,929,678
Other dilutive securities	352,327	349,859
Weighted average number of shares outstanding used in diluted earnings per share	<u>153,393,383</u>	<u>147,279,537</u>

**Fair Value Measurement** – NNN's estimates of fair value of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities are based on the framework established in the fair value accounting guidance. The framework specifies a hierarchy of valuation inputs which was established to increase consistency, clarity and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures. The guidance describes a fair value hierarchy based upon three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value, two of which are considered observable and one that is considered unobservable. The following describes the three levels:

- Level 1 – Valuation is based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 – Valuation is based upon inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 – Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use at least one significant assumption not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

**Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)** – The following table outlines the changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (dollars in thousands):

	Gains or (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges <sup>(1)</sup>	Gains or (Losses) on Available-for-Sale Securities	Total
Beginning balance, December 31, 2017	\$ (14,655)	\$ 917	\$ (13,738)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(2,164)	(132)	(2,296)
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive income to net earnings	525 <sup>(2)</sup>	—	525
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,639)	(132)	(1,771)
Ending balance, March 31, 2018	\$ (16,294)	\$ 785	\$ (15,509)

<sup>(1)</sup> Additional disclosure is included in Note 5 – Derivatives.

<sup>(2)</sup> Reclassifications out of other comprehensive income (loss) are recorded in Interest expense on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

**New Accounting Pronouncements** – In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)," effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The FASB issued final guidance that requires lessees to put most leases on their balance sheets but recognize expenses in the income statement in a manner similar to today's accounting. The guidance also eliminates today's real estate-specific provisions and changes the guidance on sale-leaseback transactions, initial direct costs and lease executory costs for all entities. For lessors, the standard modifies the classification criteria and the accounting for sales-type and direct financing leases. NNN is currently evaluating to determine the potential impact the adoption of ASU 2016-02 will have on its financial position or results of operations.

**Use of Estimates** – Management of NNN has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Significant estimates include provisions for impairment and allowances for certain assets, accruals, useful lives of assets and purchase price allocation. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Reclassification** – Certain items in the prior year's consolidated financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2018 presentation.

## **Note 2 – Real Estate:**

### **Real Estate – Portfolio**

**Leases** – The following outlines key information for NNN's leases:

	March 31, 2018
Lease classification:	
Operating	2,830
Direct financing	7
Building portion – direct financing/land portion – operating	2
Weighted average remaining lease term (years)	11.4

The leases generally provide for limited increases in rent as a result of fixed increases, increases in the consumer price index, and/or increases in the tenant's sales volume. Generally, the tenant is also required to pay all property taxes and assessments, substantially maintain the Property and carry property and liability insurance coverage. Certain Properties are subject to leases under which NNN retains responsibility for specific costs and expenses of the Property. Generally, the leases provide the tenant with one or more multi-year renewal options, subject to generally the same terms and conditions of the base term of the lease, including rent increases.

Real Estate Portfolio – Accounted for Using the Operating Method – Real estate subject to operating leases consisted of the following as of (dollars in thousands):

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Land and improvements <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,305,669	\$ 2,288,917
Buildings and improvements	5,056,056	4,968,778
Leasehold interests	3,971	5,261
	<u>7,365,696</u>	<u>7,262,956</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(910,559)	(878,236)
	<u>6,455,137</u>	<u>6,384,720</u>
Work in progress for buildings and improvements	74,773	41,920
	<u>\$ 6,529,910</u>	<u>\$ 6,426,640</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes \$30,434 and \$25,799 in land for Properties under construction at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

### ***Real Estate – Held For Sale***

On a quarterly basis, the Company evaluates its Properties for held for sale classification based on specific criteria as outlined in ASC 360, *Property, Plant & Equipment*, including management's intent to commit to a plan to sell the asset. NNN anticipates the disposition of Properties classified as held for sale to occur within 12 months. As of March 31, 2018, NNN had five of its Properties categorized as held for sale. NNN's real estate held for sale at December 31, 2017, included six Properties, one of which was sold in 2018. Real estate held for sale consisted of the following as of (dollars in thousands):

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Land and improvements	\$ 2,864	\$ 3,058
Building and improvements	5,134	6,284
	<u>7,998</u>	<u>9,342</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(2,846)	(2,885)
Less impairment	(1,361)	(86)
	<u>\$ 3,791</u>	<u>\$ 6,371</u>

### ***Real Estate – Dispositions***

The following table summarizes the Properties sold and the corresponding gain recognized on the disposition of Properties (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended March 31,			
	2018		2017	
	# of Sold Properties	Gain	# of Sold Properties	Gain
Gain on disposition of real estate	15	\$ 38,596 <sup>(1)</sup>	17	\$ 14,624

<sup>(1)</sup> Amount includes the recognition of a deferred gain related to a leasehold interest that was fully amortized in 2018

### **Real Estate – Commitments**

NNN has committed to fund construction commitments on 20 Properties. The improvements on such Properties are estimated to be completed within 12 months. These construction commitments, as of March 31, 2018, are outlined in the table below (dollars in thousands):

Total commitment <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	147,559
Amount funded		105,207
Remaining commitment		42,352

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes land, construction costs, tenant improvements, lease costs and capitalized interest.

### **Real Estate – Impairments**

Management periodically assesses its real estate for possible impairment whenever certain events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset, including accrued rental income, may not be recoverable through operations. Events or circumstances that may occur include significant changes in real estate market conditions and the ability of NNN to re-lease or sell properties that are vacant or become vacant in a reasonable period of time. Impairments are measured as the amount by which the current book value of the asset exceeds the estimated fair value of the asset. As a result of the Company's review of long-lived assets, including identifiable intangible assets, NNN recognized real estate impairments, net of recoveries of \$2,248,000 and \$1,206,000 for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The valuation of impaired assets is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis, income capitalization, analysis of recent comparable sales transactions, actual sales negotiations and bona fide purchase offers received from third parties, which are Level 3 inputs. NNN may consider a single valuation technique or multiple valuation techniques, as appropriate, when estimating the fair value of its real estate.

### **Note 3 – Line of Credit Payable:**

NNN's \$900,000,000 unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility") had a weighted average outstanding balance of \$145,396,000 and a weighted average interest rate of 2.5% during the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The Credit Facility matures January 2022, unless the Company exercises its option to extend maturity to January 2023. The Credit Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 87.5 basis points; however, such interest rate may change pursuant to a tiered interest rate structure based on NNN's debt rating. The Credit Facility also includes an accordion feature to increase the facility size up to \$1,600,000,000, subject to lender approval. As of March 31, 2018, \$176,400,000 was outstanding and \$723,600,000 was available for future borrowings under the Credit Facility, excluding undrawn letters of credit totaling \$58,000.

### **Note 4 – Stockholders' Equity:**

In February 2018, NNN filed a shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") which permits the issuance by NNN of an indeterminate amount of debt and equity securities.

**Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan** – In February 2018, NNN filed a shelf registration statement with the Commission for its Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan ("DRIP") which permits the issuance by NNN of up to 10,000,000 shares of common stock. The following table outlines the common stock issuances pursuant to NNN's DRIP (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Shares of common stock	44,659	16,320
Net proceeds	\$ 1,491	\$ 714

At-The-Market Offerings – NNN has established an at-the-market equity program ("ATM") which allows NNN to sell shares of common stock from time to time. The following outlines NNN's ATM programs:

	2018 ATM	2016 ATM
Established date	February 2018	March 2016
Termination date	February 2021	February 2018
Total allowable shares	12,000,000	12,000,000
Total shares issued as of March 31, 2018	—	10,044,656

There were no common stock issuances pursuant to NNN's ATM equity programs for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The following table outlines the common stock issuances pursuant to NNN's ATM equity programs for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

Shares of common stock	1,087,355
Average price per share (net)	\$ 43.92
Net proceeds	\$ 47,757
Stock issuance costs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 743

<sup>(1)</sup> Stock issuance costs consist primarily of underwriters' fees and commissions, and legal and accounting fees.

Dividends – The following table outlines the dividends declared and paid for each issuance of NNN's stock (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Series D preferred stock<sup>(1)</sup>:</b>		
Dividends	\$ —	\$ 3,598
Per depositary share	—	0.312847
<b>Series E preferred stock<sup>(2)</sup>:</b>		
Dividends	4,097	4,097
Per depositary share	0.356250	0.356250
<b>Series F preferred stock<sup>(3)</sup>:</b>		
Dividends	4,485	4,485
Per depositary share	0.325000	0.325000
<b>Common stock:</b>		
Dividends	72,733	66,781
Per share	0.475	0.455

<sup>(1)</sup> The Series D preferred stock was redeemed in February 2017. The dividends paid in 2017 included accumulated and unpaid dividends through the redemption date.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Series E preferred stock has no maturity date and will remain outstanding unless redeemed by NNN. The earliest redemption date for the Series E Preferred Stock is May 2018.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Series F preferred stock has no maturity date and will remain outstanding unless redeemed by NNN. The earliest redemption date for the Series F preferred stock is October 2021.

In April 2018, NNN declared a dividend of \$0.475 per share, which is payable in May 2018 to its common stockholders of record as of April 30, 2018.

## Note 5 – Derivatives:

In accordance with the guidance on derivatives and hedging, NNN records all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative and the resulting designation. Derivatives used to hedge the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability, or a firm commitment attributable to a particular risk, such as interest rate risk, are considered fair value hedges. Derivatives used to hedge the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges.

NNN's objective in using derivatives is to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements or other identified risks. To accomplish this objective, NNN primarily uses treasury locks, forward swaps and interest rate swaps as part of its cash flow hedging strategy. Treasury locks and forward starting swaps are used to hedge forecasted debt issuances. Treasury locks designated as cash flow hedges lock in the yield/price of a treasury security. Forward swaps also lock the associated swap spread. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges are used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with floating rate debt and involve the receipt or payment of variable rate amounts in exchange for fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying principal amount.

For derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is initially reported in other comprehensive income (outside of earnings) and subsequently reclassified to earnings when the hedged transaction affects earnings, and the ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognized directly in earnings.

NNN discontinues hedge accounting prospectively when it is determined that the derivative is no longer effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of the hedged item, the derivative expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, the derivative is re-designated as a hedging instrument or management determines that designation of the derivative as a hedging instrument is no longer appropriate.

When hedge accounting is discontinued, NNN recognizes any changes in its fair value in earnings and continues to carry the derivative on the balance sheet or may choose to settle the derivative at that time with a cash payment or receipt.

The following table outlines NNN's derivatives which were hedging the risk of changes in forecasted interest payments on forecasted issuance of long-term debt (dollars in thousands):

Terminated	Description	Aggregate Notional Amount	Liability (Asset) Fair Value When Terminated	Fair Value Deferred In Other Comprehensive Income <sup>(1)</sup>
June 2011	Two treasury locks	\$ 150,000	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,218
April 2013	Four forward starting swaps	240,000	3,156	3,141
May 2014	Three forward starting swaps	225,000	6,312	6,312
October 2015	Four forward starting swaps	300,000	13,369	13,369
December 2016	Two forward starting swaps	180,000	(13,352)	(13,345)
September 2017	Two forward starting swaps	250,000	7,690	7,688

<sup>(1)</sup> The amount reported in accumulated other comprehensive income will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the related notes payable.

As of March 31, 2018, \$14,130,000 remained in other comprehensive income related to the effective portion of NNN's previously terminated interest rate hedges. During the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, NNN reclassified out of other comprehensive income \$525,000 and \$447,000, respectively, as an increase in interest expense. Over the next 12 months, NNN estimates that an additional \$2,165,000 will be reclassified as an increase in interest expense. Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on NNN's long-term debt.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2018, NNN entered into two forward starting swaps with a total notional amount of \$250,000,000 to hedge the risk of changes in the interest-related cash outflows associated with the potential issuance of long-term debt. The outstanding forward swaps were designated as cash flow hedges, and at March 31, 2018, have a fair value of \$2,164,000 included in Other liabilities and Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The fair value of the forward starting swaps was based on a Level 2 valuation. No hedge ineffectiveness was recognized during the quarter ended March 31, 2018. These derivative financial instruments were still outstanding as of March 31, 2018.

NNN does not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes or currently have any derivatives that are not designated as hedges.

**Note 6 – Fair Value of Financial Instruments:**

NNN believes the carrying value of its Credit Facility approximates fair value based upon its nature, terms and variable interest rate. NNN believes that the carrying value of its mortgages payable at March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, approximate fair value based upon current market prices of comparable instruments (Level 3). At March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the fair value of NNN's notes payable net of unamortized discount and excluding debt costs was \$2,449,902,000 and \$2,507,106,000, respectively, based upon quoted market prices, which is a Level 1 valuation since NNN's notes payable are publicly traded.

**Note 7 – Subsequent Events:**

NNN reviewed its subsequent events and transactions that have occurred after March 31, 2018, the date of the condensed consolidated balance sheet. There were no reportable subsequent events or transactions.



## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of National Retail Properties, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017. The terms "NNN" and the "Company" refer to National Retail Properties, Inc. and all of its consolidated subsidiaries.

### Forward-Looking Statements

The information herein contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). These statements generally are characterized by the use of terms such as "believe," "expect," "intend," "may," "estimated" or similar words or expressions. Forward-looking statements are not historical facts or guarantees of future performance and are subject to known and unknown risks. Certain factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those NNN anticipates or projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Financial and economic conditions may have an adverse impact on NNN, its tenants, and commercial real estate in general;
- NNN may be unable to obtain debt or equity capital on favorable terms, if at all;
- Loss of rent from tenants would reduce NNN's cash flow;
- A significant portion of the source of the Property Portfolio annual base rent is concentrated in specific industry classifications, tenants and geographic locations;
- Owning real estate and indirect interests in real estate carries inherent risks;
- NNN's real estate investments are illiquid;
- Costs of complying with changes in governmental laws and regulations may adversely affect NNN's results of operations;
- NNN may be subject to known or unknown environmental liabilities and hazardous materials on Properties owned by NNN;
- NNN may not be able to successfully execute its acquisition or development strategies;
- NNN may not be able to dispose of properties consistent with its operating strategy;
- NNN may suffer a loss in the event of a default of or bankruptcy of a tenant or a borrower;
- Certain provisions of NNN's leases or loan agreements may be unenforceable;
- Property ownership through joint ventures and partnerships could limit NNN's control of those investments;
- Competition from numerous other REITs, commercial developers, real estate limited partnerships and other investors may impede NNN's ability to grow;
- NNN's loss of key management personnel could adversely affect performance and the value of its securities;
- Uninsured losses may adversely affect NNN's operating results and asset values;
- Acts of violence, terrorist attacks or war may affect the markets in which NNN operates and NNN's results of operations;
- Vacant properties or bankrupt tenants or borrowers could adversely affect NNN's business or financial condition;
- The amount of debt NNN has and the restrictions imposed by that debt could adversely affect NNN's business and financial condition;
- NNN is obligated to comply with financial and other covenants in its debt instruments that could restrict its operating activities, and the failure to comply with such covenants could result in defaults that accelerate the payment of such debt;
- The market value of NNN's equity and debt securities is subject to various factors that may cause significant fluctuations or volatility;
- NNN's failure to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes could result in significant tax liability;
- Even if NNN remains qualified as a REIT, NNN faces other tax liabilities that reduce operating results and cash flow;
- Adverse legislative or regulatory tax changes could reduce NNN's earnings and cash flow and the market value of NNN's securities;
- Compliance with REIT requirements, including distribution requirements, may limit NNN's flexibility and may negatively affect NNN's operating decisions;
- Changes in accounting pronouncements could adversely impact NNN's or NNN's tenants' reported financial performance;
- NNN's failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could have a material adverse effect on its business, operating results and the market value of NNN's securities;
- NNN's ability to pay dividends in the future is subject to many factors;
- Cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents could adversely affect NNN's business, disrupt operations and expose NNN to liabilities to tenants, employees, capital providers, and other third parties; and

- Future investment in international markets could subject NNN to additional risks, including foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, operational risks due to local economic and political conditions and laws and policies of the U.S. affecting foreign investment.

Additional information related to these risks and uncertainties are included in Item 1A. Risk Factors of NNN's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, and may cause NNN's actual future results to differ materially from expected results. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. NNN undertakes no obligation to update or revise such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### Overview

NNN, a Maryland corporation, is a fully integrated real estate investment trust ("REIT") formed in 1984. NNN's assets are primarily real estate assets. NNN acquires, owns, invests in and develops properties that are leased primarily to retail tenants under long-term net leases and are primarily held for investment ("Properties" or "Property Portfolio", or individually a "Property").

As of March 31, 2018, NNN owned 2,800 Properties, with an aggregate gross leasable area of approximately 29,116,000 square feet, located in 48 states, with a weighted average remaining lease term of 11.4 years. Approximately 99 percent of the Properties were leased as of March 31, 2018.

NNN's management team focuses on certain key indicators to evaluate the financial condition and operating performance of NNN. The key indicators for NNN include items such as: the composition of the Property Portfolio (such as tenant, geographic and line of trade diversification), the occupancy rate of the Property Portfolio, certain financial performance ratios and profitability measures, industry trends and industry performance compared to that of NNN.

NNN evaluates the creditworthiness of its current and prospective tenants. This evaluation may include reviewing available financial statements, store level financial performance, press releases, public credit ratings from major credit rating agencies, industry news publications and financial market data (debt and equity pricing). NNN may also evaluate the business and operations of its tenants, including periodically meeting with senior management of certain tenants.

NNN continues to maintain its diversification by tenant, geography and tenant's line of trade. NNN's largest lines of trade concentrations are the convenience store and restaurant (including full and limited service) sectors. These sectors represent a large part of the freestanding retail property marketplace and NNN's management believes these sectors present attractive investment opportunities. The Property Portfolio is geographically concentrated in the south and southeast United States, which are regions of historically above-average population growth. Given these concentrations, any financial hardship within these sectors or geographic regions could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition and operating performance of NNN.

## Results of Operations

### Property Analysis

*General.* The following table summarizes the Property Portfolio:

	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	March 31, 2017
<b>Properties Owned:</b>			
Number	2,800	2,764	2,543
Total gross leasable area (square feet)	29,116,000	29,093,000	27,311,000
<b>Properties:</b>			
Leased and unimproved land	2,777	2,740	2,520
Percent of Properties – leased and unimproved land	99%	99%	99%
Weighted average remaining lease term (years)	11.4	11.5	11.4
Total gross leasable area (square feet) – leased	28,752,000	28,703,000	26,915,000

The following table summarizes the diversification of the Property Portfolio based on the top 10 lines of trade:

Lines of Trade	% of Annual Base Rent <sup>(1)</sup>		
	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	March 31, 2017
1. Convenience stores	17.9%	18.1%	16.8%
2. Restaurants – full service	12.0%	12.1%	11.7%
3. Restaurants – limited service	8.0%	7.6%	7.5%
4. Automotive service	7.6%	6.9%	7.0%
5. Family entertainment centers	6.4%	6.4%	6.1%
6. Health and fitness	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%
7. Theaters	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%
8. Automotive parts	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
9. Recreational vehicle dealers, parts and accessories	3.1%	3.4%	3.4%
10. Wholesale clubs	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%
Other	28.6%	29.3%	30.8%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on annualized base rent for all leases in place for each respective period.

*Property Acquisitions.* The following table summarizes the Property acquisitions (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Acquisitions:</b>		
Number of Properties	52	24
Gross leasable area (square feet)	400,000	250,000
Initial cash yield	6.7%	6.9%
Total dollars invested <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 177,013	\$ 107,939

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes dollars invested in projects under construction or tenant improvements for each respective year.

NNN typically funds Property acquisitions either through borrowings under NNN's unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility") (see "Debt – Line of Credit Payable") or by issuing its debt or equity securities in the capital markets.

*Property Dispositions.* The following table summarizes the Properties sold by NNN (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Number of properties	15	17
Gross leasable area (square feet)	280,000	147,000
Net sales proceeds	\$ 71,605	\$ 38,955
Gain <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 38,596	\$ 14,624

<sup>(1)</sup> Amount includes the recognition of a deferred gain related to a leasehold interest that was fully amortized in 2018.

NNN typically uses the proceeds from a Property disposition to either pay down the Credit Facility or reinvest in real estate.

### **Analysis of Revenue**

*General.* During the quarter ended March 31, 2018, rental income increased, as compared to the same period in 2017, primarily due to the increase in rental income from Property acquisitions (See “Results of Operations – Property Analysis – Property Acquisitions”). NNN anticipates increases in rental income will continue to come from additional Property acquisitions and increases in rents pursuant to existing lease terms.

The following table summarizes NNN’s revenues for the quarter ended March 31 (dollars in thousands):

	2018	2017	Percent Increase (Decrease)	Percent of Total	
				2018	2017
Rental Income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 148,605	\$ 137,298	8.2%	97.2%	97.1%
Real estate expense reimbursement from tenants	4,158	3,860	7.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Interest and other income from real estate transactions	73	274	(73.4)%	0.1%	0.2%
Total revenues	\$ 152,836	\$ 141,432	8.1%	100.0%	100.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes rental income from operating leases, earned income from direct financing leases and percentage rent (“Rental Income”).

### *Quarter Ended March 31, 2018 versus Quarter Ended March 31, 2017*

*Rental Income.* Rental Income increased in amount for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, but remained flat as a percentage of total revenue. The increase for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, is primarily due to a partial year of Rental Income received as a result of the acquisition of 52 properties with aggregate gross leasable area of approximately 400,000 square feet during 2018 and a full year of Rental Income received as a result of the acquisition of 276 properties with a gross leasable area of approximately 2,243,000 square feet in 2017.

## Analysis of Expenses

*General.* Operating expenses increased for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, primarily due to an increase in depreciation expense and impairment losses recognized on real estate. The following table summarizes NNN's expenses for the quarter ended March 31, (dollars in thousands):

			Percent Increase (Decrease)	Percentage of Total		Percentage of Revenues	
	2018	2017		2018	2017	2018	2017
General and administrative	\$ 8,697	\$ 8,919	(2.5)%	14.1 %	15.9 %	5.7 %	6.3 %
Real estate	5,862	5,663	3.5%	9.5 %	10.1 %	3.8 %	4.0 %
Depreciation and amortization	44,498	40,143	10.8%	72.3 %	71.8 %	29.1 %	28.4 %
Impairment losses – real estate and other charges, net of recoveries	2,248	1,206	86.4%	3.7 %	2.2 %	1.5 %	0.9 %
Retirement severance costs	261	—	N/C <sup>(1)</sup>	0.4 %	—	0.2 %	—
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 61,566</u>	<u>\$ 55,931</u>	10.1%	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>40.3 %</u>	<u>39.6 %</u>
Interest and other income	\$ (25)	\$ (137)	(81.8)%	(0.1)%	(0.5)%	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
Interest expense	26,602	26,614	—	100.1 %	100.5 %	17.5 %	18.8 %
Total other expenses	<u>\$ 26,577</u>	<u>\$ 26,477</u>	0.4%	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>17.4 %</u>	<u>18.7 %</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Not calculable ("N/C")

### *Quarter Ended March 31, 2018 versus Quarter Ended March 31, 2017*

*General and Administrative.* General and administrative expenses decreased in amount, as a percentage of total operating expenses and as a percentage of revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017. The decrease in general and administrative expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, is primarily attributable to a decrease in compensation costs.

*Real Estate.* Real estate expenses increased in amount but decreased as a percentage of total operating expenses and as a percentage of revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017. The increase is primarily due to increases in reimbursable expenses from certain properties acquired during the quarter ended March 31, 2018, and from certain properties acquired during the year ended December 31, 2017.

*Depreciation and Amortization.* Depreciation and amortization expenses increased in amount, as a percentage of total operating expenses and as a percentage of revenues for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017. The increase in expenses is primarily due to the acquisition of 52 properties with an aggregate gross leasable area of approximately 400,000 square feet in 2018 and 276 properties with an aggregate gross leasable area of approximately 2,243,000 square feet during 2017.

*Impairment losses – real estate and other charges, net of recoveries.* NNN reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever certain events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. Events or circumstances that may occur include changes in real estate market conditions, the ability of NNN to re-lease properties that are currently vacant or become vacant, and the ability to sell properties at a price that exceeds NNN's carrying value. Management evaluates whether an impairment in value has occurred by comparing the estimated future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges), and the residual value of the real estate, with the carrying cost of the individual asset. If an impairment is indicated, a loss will be recorded for the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value. NNN recognized real estate impairments, net of recoveries of \$2,248,000 and \$1,206,000 for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

*Retirement Severance Costs.* For the quarter ended March 31, 2018, retirement severance costs relate primarily to Craig Macnab's retirement as CEO on April 28, 2017.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense remained consistent in amount for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017.

The following represents the primary changes in debt that have impacted interest expense:

- (i) the issuance in September 2017 of \$400,000,000 principal amount of notes payable with a maturity of October 2027, and stated interest rate of 3.500%,
- (ii) the repayment in October 2017 of \$250,000,000 principal amount of notes payable with a stated interest rate of 6.875%, and
- (iii) the increase of \$138,942,000 in the weighted average outstanding balance on the Credit Facility and a higher weighted average interest rate for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

## **Liquidity**

*General.* NNN's demand for funds has been, and will continue to be, primarily for (i) payment of operating expenses and cash dividends; (ii) Property acquisitions and development; (iii) capital expenditures; (iv) payment of principal and interest on its outstanding indebtedness; and (v) other investments.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents.* NNN's cash and cash equivalents includes the aggregate of Cash and cash equivalents and Restricted cash and cash held in escrow from the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The table below summarizes NNN's cash flows (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>		
Provided by operating activities	\$ 129,997	\$ 117,192
Used in investing activities	(103,152)	(58,847)
Used in financing activities	(24,207)	(318,467)
Increase (decrease)	2,638	(260,122)
Net cash at beginning of period	1,364	294,540
Net cash at end of period	<u>\$ 4,002</u>	<u>\$ 34,418</u>

Cash provided by operating activities represents cash received primarily from Rental Income and interest income less cash used for general and administrative expenses. NNN's cash flow from operating activities has been sufficient to pay the distributions for each period presented. The change in cash provided by operations for the quarters ended March 31, 2018, and 2017, is primarily the result of changes in revenues and expenses as discussed in "Results of Operations." Cash generated from operations is expected to fluctuate in the future.

Changes in cash for investing activities are primarily attributable to the acquisitions and dispositions of Properties. NNN typically uses proceeds from its Credit Facility to fund the acquisition of its Properties.

NNN's financing activities for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, included the following significant transactions:

- \$1,491,000 in net proceeds from the issuance of 44,659 shares of common stock in connection with the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan ("DRIP"),
- \$4,097,000 in dividends paid to holders of the depositary shares of NNN's 5.700% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Series E Preferred Stock"),
- \$4,485,000 in dividends paid to holders of the depositary shares of NNN's 5.200% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Series F Preferred Stock"), and
- \$72,733,000 in dividends paid to common stockholders.

*Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments.* NNN has committed to fund construction commitments on 20 Properties. The improvements on such Properties are estimated to be completed within 12 months. These construction commitments, at March 31, 2018, are outlined in the table below (dollars in thousands):

Total commitment <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 147,559
Amount funded	105,207
Remaining commitment	42,352

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes land, construction costs, tenant improvements, lease costs and capitalized interest.

As of March 31, 2018, NNN did not have any other material contractual cash obligations, such as purchase obligations, financing lease obligations or other long-term liabilities other than those reflected in the tables above and previously disclosed under Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in NNN's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. In addition to items reflected in the tables, NNN has issued preferred stock with cumulative preferential cash distributions, as described below under "Dividends."

Management anticipates satisfying these obligations with a combination of NNN's cash provided from operations, current capital resources on hand, its credit facility, debt or equity financings and asset dispositions.

Generally, the Properties are leased under long-term net leases, which require the tenant to pay all property taxes and assessments, to maintain the interior and exterior of the property, and to carry property and liability insurance coverage. Therefore, management anticipates that capital demands to meet obligations with respect to these Properties will be modest for the foreseeable future and can be met with funds from operations and working capital. Certain Properties are subject to leases under which NNN retains responsibility for specific costs and expenses associated with the Property. Management anticipates that the costs associated with these Properties, NNN's vacant Properties or those Properties that become vacant will also be met with funds from operations and working capital. NNN may be required to borrow under its credit facility or use other sources of capital in the event of significant capital expenditures.

The lost revenues and increased property expenses resulting from vacant Properties or uncollectibility of lease revenues could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity and results of operations if NNN is unable to re-lease the Properties at comparable rental rates and in a timely manner. As of March 31, 2018, NNN owned 23 vacant, un-leased Properties which accounted for approximately one percent of total Properties held in the Property Portfolio. Additionally, as of March 31, 2018, less than one percent of the Property Portfolio is leased to three tenants that each filed a petition for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. As a result, these tenants have the right to reject or affirm their leases with NNN.

NNN generally monitors the financial performance of its significant tenants on an ongoing basis.

*Dividends.* NNN has made an election to be taxed as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Code, as amended, and related regulations and intends to continue to operate so as to remain qualified as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. NNN generally will not be subject to federal income tax on income that it distributes to its stockholders, provided that it distributes 100 percent of its REIT taxable income and meets certain other requirements for qualifying as a REIT. If NNN fails to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, it will be subject to federal income tax on its taxable income at regular corporate rates and will not be permitted to qualify for treatment as a REIT for federal income tax purposes for the four years following the year during which qualification is lost. Such an event could materially adversely affect NNN's income and ability to pay dividends. NNN believes it has been structured as, and its past and present operations qualify NNN as, a REIT.

One of NNN's primary objectives, consistent with its policy of retaining sufficient cash for reserves and working capital purposes and maintaining its status as a REIT, is to distribute a substantial portion of its funds available from operations to its stockholders in the form of dividends.

The following table outlines the dividends declared and paid for each issuance of NNN's stock (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Series D Preferred Stock <sup>(1)</sup> :		
Dividends	\$ —	\$ 3,598
Per depositary share	—	0.312847
Series E Preferred Stock <sup>(2)</sup> :		
Dividends	4,097	4,097
Per depositary share	0.356250	0.356250
Series F Preferred Stock <sup>(3)</sup> :		
Dividends	4,485	4,485
Per depositary share	0.325000	0.325000
Common stock:		
Dividends	72,733	66,781
Per share	0.475	0.455

<sup>(1)</sup>The Series D Preferred Stock was redeemed in February 2017. The dividends paid in 2017 included accumulated and unpaid dividends through the redemption date.

<sup>(2)</sup>The Series E Preferred Stock has no maturity date and will remain outstanding unless redeemed by NNN. The earliest redemption date for the Series E Preferred Stock is May 2018.

<sup>(3)</sup>The Series F Preferred Stock has no maturity date and will remain outstanding unless redeemed by NNN. The earliest redemption date for the Series F Preferred Stock is October 2021.

In April 2018, NNN declared a dividend of \$0.475 per share which is payable in May 2018 to its common stockholders of record as of April 30, 2018.

### **Capital Resources**

Generally, cash needs for Property acquisitions, debt payments, capital expenditures, development and other investments have been funded by equity and debt offerings, bank borrowings, the sale of Properties and, to a lesser extent, by internally generated funds. Cash needs for operating and interest expenses and dividends have generally been funded by internally generated funds. If available, future sources of capital include proceeds from the public or private offering of NNN's debt or equity securities, secured or unsecured borrowings from banks or other lenders, proceeds from the sale of Properties, as well as undistributed funds from operations.

### **Debt**

The following is a summary of NNN's total outstanding debt as of (dollars in thousands):

	March 31, 2018	Percentage of Total	December 31, 2017	Percentage of Total
Line of credit payable	\$ 176,400	6.7%	\$ 120,500	4.7%
Mortgages payable	13,149	0.5%	13,300	0.5%
Notes payable	2,447,393	92.8%	2,446,407	94.8%
Total outstanding debt	\$ 2,636,942	100.0%	\$ 2,580,207	100.0%

*Indebtedness.* NNN expects to use indebtedness primarily for property acquisitions and development of single-tenant retail properties, either directly or through investment interests. Additionally indebtedness may be used to refinance existing indebtedness.



*Line of Credit Payable.* NNN's \$900,000,000 unsecured revolving Credit Facility had a weighted average outstanding balance of \$145,396,000 and a weighted average interest rate of 2.5% during the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The Credit Facility matures January 2022, unless the Company exercises its option to extend maturity to January 2023. The Credit Facility currently bears interest at LIBOR plus 87.5 basis points; however, such interest rate may change pursuant to a tiered interest rate structure based on NNN's debt rating. The Credit Facility also includes an accordion feature to increase the facility size up to \$1,600,000,000, subject to lender approval. As of March 31, 2018, \$176,400,000 was outstanding and \$723,600,000 was available for future borrowings under the Credit Facility, excluding undrawn letters of credit totaling \$58,000.

### **Debt and Equity Securities**

NNN has used, and expects to use in the future, issuances of debt and equity securities primarily to pay down its outstanding indebtedness and to finance acquisitions.

*Securities Offerings.* In February 2018, NNN filed a shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") which was automatically effective and permits the issuance by NNN of an indeterminate amount of debt and equity securities.

Information related to NNN's publicly held debt and equity securities is included in NNN's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

*Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.* In February 2018, NNN filed a shelf registration statement which was automatically effective with the Commission for its DRIP, which permits the issuance by NNN of up to 10,000,000 shares of common stock. NNN's DRIP provides an economical and convenient way for current stockholders and other interested new investors to invest in NNN's common stock. The following outlines the common stock issuances pursuant to NNN's DRIP (dollars in thousands):

	Quarter Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Shares of common stock	44,659	16,320
Net proceeds	\$ 1,491	\$ 714

*At-The-Market Offerings.* NNN established an at-the-market equity program ("ATM") which allows NNN to sell shares of common stock from time to time. The following outlines NNN's ATM programs:

	2018 ATM	2016 ATM
Established date	February 2018	March 2016
Termination date	February 2021	February 2018
Total allowable shares	12,000,000	12,000,000
Total shares issued at March 31, 2018	—	10,044,656

There were no common stock issuances pursuant to NNN's ATM equity programs for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The following table outlines the common stock issuances pursuant to NNN's ATM equity programs for the quarter ended March 31, 2017 (dollars in thousands, except per share data):

Shares of common stock	1,087,355
Average price per share (net)	\$ 43.92
Net proceeds	\$ 47,757
Stock issuance costs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 743

<sup>(1)</sup> Stock issuance costs consist primarily of underwriters' fees and commissions, and legal and accounting fees.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 1 to the March 31, 2018, Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

NNN is exposed to interest rate risk primarily as a result of its variable rate Credit Facility and its fixed rate debt which is used to finance NNN's development and acquisition activities, as well as for general corporate purposes. NNN's interest rate risk management objective is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to reduce overall borrowing costs. To achieve its objectives, NNN borrows at both fixed and variable rates on its long-term debt. As of March 31, 2018, NNN had two forward starting swaps with a total notional amount of \$250,000,000 to hedge the risk of changes in the interest-related cash outflows associated with the potential issuance of long-term debt.

The information in the table below summarizes NNN's market risks associated with its debt obligations outstanding as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The table presents principal payments and related interest rates by year for debt obligations outstanding as of March 31, 2018. The table incorporates only those debt obligations that existed as of March 31, 2018, and it does not consider those debt obligations or positions which could arise after this date and therefore has limited predictive value. As a result, NNN's ultimate realized gain or loss with respect to interest rate fluctuations will depend on the exposures that arise during the period, NNN's hedging strategies at that time and interest rates. If interest rates on NNN's variable rate debt increased by one percent, NNN's interest expense would have increased by approximately one percent for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

	Debt Obligations (dollars in thousands)					
	Variable Rate Debt		Fixed Rate Debt			
	Credit Facility		Mortgages <sup>(1)</sup>		Unsecured Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	
	Debt Obligation	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Debt Obligation	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate	Debt Obligation	Effective Interest Rate
2018	—	—	467	5.23%	—	—
2019	—	—	652	5.23%	—	—
2020	—	—	682	5.23%	—	—
2021	—	—	716	5.23%	298,324	5.69%
2022	176,400	2.55%	750	5.23%	322,523	3.99%
Thereafter	—	—	9,969	5.23%	1,842,363	3.67% <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 176,400</b>	<b>2.55%</b>	<b>\$ 13,236</b>	<b>5.23%</b>	<b>\$ 2,463,210</b>	<b>4.00%</b>
Fair Value:						
March 31, 2018	<u>\$ 176,400</u>		<u>\$ 13,236</u>		<u>\$ 2,449,902</u>	
December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 120,500</u>		<u>\$ 13,392</u>		<u>\$ 2,507,106</u>	

<sup>(1)</sup> NNN's mortgages payable represent principal payments by year and include unamortized premiums and exclude debt costs.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes NNN's notes payable, each exclude debt costs and are net of unamortized discounts. NNN uses market prices quoted from Bloomberg, a third party, which is a Level 1 input, to determine the fair value.

<sup>(3)</sup> Weighted average effective interest rate for periods after 2022.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

*Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of NNN's management, including NNN's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer, of the effectiveness as of March 31, 2018, of the design and operation of NNN's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

*Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* There has been no change in NNN's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, NNN's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.** Not applicable.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.** There were no material changes in NNN's risk factors disclosed in Item 1A. Risk Factors of NNN's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.** Not applicable.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.** Not applicable.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.** Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information.** Not applicable.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this report.

31. Section 302 Certifications

31.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(a\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(filed herewith\).](#)

31.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(a\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(filed herewith\).](#)

32. Section 906 Certifications

32.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(filed herewith\).](#)

32.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(filed herewith\).](#)

101. Interactive Data File

101.1 The following materials from National Retail Properties, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018, are formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language: (i) condensed consolidated balance sheets, (ii) condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, (iii) condensed consolidated statements of cash flows, and (iv) notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2018.

NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Julian E. Whitehurst

Julian E. Whitehurst  
Chief Executive Officer, President  
and Director

By: /s/ Kevin B. Habicht

Kevin B. Habicht  
Chief Financial Officer, Executive  
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## Section 2: EX-31.1 (EXHIBIT 31.1)

Exhibit 31.1

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Julian E. Whitehurst, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of National Retail Properties, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of the annual report) that has materially

affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

May 1, 2018

/s/ Julian E. Whitehurst

Date

Name: Julian E. Whitehurst

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

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## Section 3: EX-31.2 (EXHIBIT 31.2)

Exhibit 31.2

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Kevin B. Habicht, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of National Retail Properties, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of the annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

May 1, 2018

/s/ Kevin B. Habicht

Date

Name: Kevin B. Habicht

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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## Section 4: EX-32.1 (EXHIBIT 32.1)

Exhibit 32.1

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned, Julian E. Whitehurst, Chief Executive Officer and President, certifies, to the best of his knowledge, that (1) this Quarterly Report of National Retail Properties, Inc. ("NNN") on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (this "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and (2) the information contained in this Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition of NNN as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and its results of operations for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

May 1, 2018

/s/ Julian E. Whitehurst

Date

Name: Julian E. Whitehurst

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to NNN and will be retained by NNN and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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## Section 5: EX-32.2 (EXHIBIT 32.2)

Exhibit 32.2

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned, Kevin B. Habicht, Chief Financial Officer, certifies, to the best of his knowledge, that (1) this Quarterly Report of National Retail Properties, Inc. ("NNN") on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (this "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and (2) the information contained in this Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition of NNN as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 and its results of operations for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

May 1, 2018

/s/ Kevin B. Habicht

Date

Name: Kevin B. Habicht

Title: Chief Financial Officer



A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to NNN and will be retained by NNN and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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