

FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION****Washington, D.C. 20549****OMB APPROVAL**OMB 3235-
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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Steinfort Rebecca Lee | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2018 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National Storage Affiliates Trust [NSA] | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NATIONAL STORAGE AFFILIATES TRUST, 5200 DTC PARKWAY SUITE 200 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111-2715 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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|---|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Steinfort Rebecca Lee C/O NATIONAL STORAGE AFFILIATES TRUST 5200 DTC PARKWAY SUITE 200 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111-2715 | X | | | |

Signatures

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| Rebecca L. Steinfort, by Jason Parsont, her Attorney-in-fact | 05/29/2018 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

Remarks:

Exhibit No. 24.1 Power of Attorney dated May 25, 2018.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SEC FILINGS ON FORMS ID, 3, 4, 5 AND 144
IN RESPECT OF SECURITIES OF
NATIONAL STORAGE AFFILIATES TRUST

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Tamara Fischer, Brandon Togashi, Jay Bernstein, Andrew Epstein, Michael Kessler, Jason Parsont, Devon MacLaughlin and Billy Vranish or any one of them acting alone, as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him in his name and stead in any and all capacities, to sign and file for and on his behalf, in respect of any acquisition, disposition or other change in ownership of any common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, of National Storage Affiliates Trust (the "Company"), the following:

- (i) any Form ID to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the " SEC");
- (ii) any Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 3 to be filed with the SEC;
- (iii) any Statement of Changes of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 4 to be filed with the SEC;
- (iv) any Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 5 to be filed with the SEC;
- (v) any Notice of Proposed Sale of Securities on Form 144 to be filed with the SEC; and
- (vi) any and all agreements, certificates, receipts, or other documents in connection therewith.

The undersigned hereby gives full power and authority to the attorney-in-fact to seek and obtain as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information.

The undersigned hereby grants unto such attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary in connection with such matters and hereby ratifies and confirms all that any such attorney-in-fact and agent or substitute may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (i) neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), (ii) any liability of the

undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

- (ii) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney.

Date: May 25, 2018

/s/Rebecca L. Steinfort

Rebecca L. Steinfort

Title: Trustee