FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type I | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS STEVEN M | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | | | | | | D | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2007 | | | | | _X_ 0 | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Exec. Vice President | | | | | |
| (Street) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | _X_ For | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu | | | | | es Acquired, D | lired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Secu (Instr. 3) | ırity | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | 2A. Dec Executi any (Month | on Dat | te, if | Code (Insti | e (A r. 8) (Ir | Securities Acqu) or Disposed of str. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or nount (D) | of (D) Owned Transac | Followin | curities Beneg Reported | O Fo D or (I | wnership o orm: B irect (D) C Indirect (I | Beneficial Ownership |
| Reminder: Rep | oort on a sepa | arate line for each cla | | - Derivati | ive Sec | curitie | es Ac | Persons this form currently | are not requ v valid OMB o | | nd unles | | | 1 SEC 14 | 474 (9-02) |
| 1 Title of | 12 | 2 Transaction | 3A. Deemed | (<i>e.g.</i> , pu | | | | ts, options, con | | 1 ' | mount of | 9 Pring of | 0 Number of | T ₁₀ | 11. Natur |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | f Transaction of Code Deriv (Instr. 8) Secur (A) on Dispo | | Derivat Securit Acquire A) or Dispose of (D) Instr. 3 | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) tites and sed | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | of Indirect Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK (1) | \$ 15.98 | 12/11/2007 | | A | 8 | 3,000 | | 12/11/2008 | 12/10/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000 | \$ 0 | 8,000 | D | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK (1) | \$ 15.98 | 12/11/2007 | | A | 8 | 3,000 | | 12/11/2009 | 12/10/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000 | \$ 0 | 16,000 | D | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK (1) | \$ 15.98 | 12/11/2007 | | A | 8 | 3,000 | | 12/11/2010 | 12/10/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000 | \$ 0 | 24,000 | D | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK (1) | \$ 15.98 | 12/11/2007 | | A | 8 | 3,000 | | 12/11/2011 | 12/10/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000 | \$ 0 | 32,000 | D | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK (1) | \$ 15.98 | 12/11/2007 | | A | 8 | 3,000 | | 12/11/2012 | 12/10/2014 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 8,000 | \$ 0 | 40,000 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| DAVIS STEVEN M 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | Exec. Vice President | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Steven M. Davis | 12/12/2007 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents a single option grant.

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