## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)															
Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sarver Robert Gary			2. Issuer Name and Meritage Homes					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2010							ther (specify be	low)				
SCOTTSDALE, AZ	4. If Amendment, Da	nte Original	Filed(	Month/Day/	Year)	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)	r	Γabla I - Na	n-Do	rivativa S	Sacuritia	s Acan	s Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1 Title of Committy		2. Transaction	2A. Deemed	3. Transact		1		, , ,							
(Instr. 3) Date			Execution Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acqu (A) or Disposed o (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
				Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Pr		Price		(I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)					
MTH COMMON ST	COCK								6,000	I	Penny Sarver (wife) (1)				
MTH COMMON ST	FOCK								2,000	I	Penny Sarver, custodian FBO Max Sarver (minor son) (11)				
MTH COMMON ST	COCK								4,400	I	Robert Sarver, trustee of the Eva Lauren Hilton Trust (1)				
MTH COMMON ST	COCK								4,400	I	Robert Sarver, trustee of the Shari Rachel Hilton Trust (1)				
MTH COMMON ST	COCK								12,000 (2)	D					
MTH COMMON ST	COCK	02/18/2010		A		6,000	A	\$ 0	6,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	D					
MTH COMMON ST	OCK								1,000,000 (4)	I	See Note.				
MTH COMMON ST	°OCK								191,000	I	Robert Sarver, trustee of the Robert Sarver Trust				
Reminder: Report on a se	parate line for each	class of securities h	oeneficially owned di	rectly or inc	lirectl	v.									
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	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	tion	of	vative rities aired or cosed			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 31.31 (5)							(6)	05/12/2011	COMMON STOCK	10,000		10,000	D	
STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 42.82							(7)	01/28/2014	COMMON STOCK	4,000		4,000	D	
STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 15.98							(8)	12/10/2014	COMMON STOCK	7,500		7,500	D	

### **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Sarver Robert Gary 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	X						

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Robert G. Sarver	02/22/2010
***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) Mr. Sarver disclaims any beneficial or pecuniary ownership of these shares.
- (2) Restricted stock granted 2/11/2009; 6,000 shares on 2/11/2011 and 2/11/2012.
- (3) Restricted stock granted 2/18/2010; vesting 6,000 shares on 2/18/2013.
- (4) These represent shares purchased by Southwest Value Partners Fund XIV, LP. Mr. Sarver indirectly shares control over the voting, purchase and disposition of these shares. He disclaims any direct pecuniary interest in such shares and has only an indirect beneficial or pecuniary interest in them.
- (5) Adjusted for a 2:1 stock split in 2005.
- (6) Stock option granted 5/13/2004; vesting in 2 equal annual installments on 5/13/2005 and 5/13/2006.
- (7) Stock option granted 1/29/2007; vesting in 2 equal annual installments on 1/29/2008 and 1/29/2009.
- (8) Stock option granted 12/11/2007; vesting in 2 equal annual installments on 12/11/2008 and 12/11/2009.

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