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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Sarver Robert Gary | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_Director 10% Owner | | |
|--|--|------------|--|------|------|--|----------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| (Last) 17851 N. 85TH S | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2011 | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify l | below) | | |
| (Street) SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date 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) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | tion | A. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| MTH COMMON | STOCK | | | | | | | | 207,800 <u>(1)</u> | Ι | See Note. |
| MTH COMMON | STOCK | 02/09/2011 | | А | | 6,000 (<u>2</u>) | А | \$ 0 | 24,000 (3) | D | |
| MTH COMMON | STOCK | | | | | | | | 100,000 (4) | Ι | See Note. |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|------|-----------|------|---------------------|------------|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | | | 6. Date Exer | cisable | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
| Derivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, if | Transactio | n N | umbe | er | and Expirati | on Date | Amo | unt of | Derivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect |
| Security | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Code | of | f | | (Month/Day | /Year) | Unde | rlying | Security | Securities | Form of | Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | D | eriva | tive | | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
| | Derivative | | | | S | ecurit | ies | | | (Instr | . 3 and | | Owned | Security: | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | | | | Α | .cquir | ed | | | 4) | | | Following | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | (/ | A) or | | | | | | | Reported | or Indirect | |
| | | | | | D | ispos | ed | | | | | | Transaction(s) | (I) | |
| | | | | | of | f (D) | | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | / (. | A) (| (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Sarver Robert Gary 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | Х | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Robert G. Sarver | | 02/11/2011 |
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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) Balance represents indirect ownership of shares held in trust (6,000 shares Penny Sarver wife; 2,000 shares Penny Sarver FBO Max Sarver minor son; 4,400 shares Robert Sarver trustee of Eva Lauren Hilton Trust; 4,400 shares Robert Sarver trustee of Shari Rachel Hilton Trust; 191,000 Robert Sarver trustee of Robert Sarver Trust)
- (2) Balance represents the grant of restricted stock. The restricted stock will fully cliff vest on the third anniversary from the date of grant.
- (3) Balance includes all non-vested stock grants.
- (4) Balance represents 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.

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