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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS STEVEN M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 | | SUITE | (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2010 | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec VP - COO | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group | | | | |
| SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) (Z | Table 1 | I - Non-De | rivative S | ecurit | ies Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------|--|--|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 11/02/2010(1) | | | 2,876 | ` ′ | | 49,148 | D | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 11/03/2010(1) | | S | 2,046 | D | \$ 18.57 | 47,102 | D | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 11/04/2010(1)(2) | | G | 1,683 | D | \$ 0 | 45,419 | D | |

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 Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| | Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| | Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| | (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | • | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | | Exercisable | Exercisable Date | Title Number | | | |
| | | | | C 1 W | (A) (D) | | | | of | | | |
| | | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAVIS STEVEN M 17851 N. 85TH STREET **SUITE 300** SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Exec VP - COO

Signatures

/s/ Steven M. 11/04/2010 **Davis**

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 45,000 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the (1) achievement of pre-specified performance targets.
- (2) Mr. Davis donated 833 and 850 shares to two charitable organizations.

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