

STEAK & SHAKE CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DUNN PETER MERRILL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

36 S. PENNSYLVANIA, SUITE 500

(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STEAK & SHAKE CO [SNS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President, CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/23/2005		F	V	9,999 \$ 19.96	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2005		M	V	15,850 \$ 10.7	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 17.14					08/04/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 08/04/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	25,000
Option	\$ 19.75					09/14/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/14/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	25,000
Option	\$ 10.7	12/23/2005		M	15,850	09/30/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/30/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	15,850

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUNN PETER MERRILL 36 S. PENNSYLVANIA SUITE 500 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204			President, CEO	

## Signatures

David C. Milne, Attorney  
in Fact 12/23/2005

\_\_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) The Options granted to Mr. Dunn vest 20% immediately and 20% each anniversary of the date of grant, until fully vested.

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