

SARVER ROBERT GARY
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FORM 4

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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 *
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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/30/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 6,000 | I | Penny Sarver (wife) ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 2,000 | I | Penny Sarver, custodian FBO Max Sarver (minor son) ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 4,400 | I | Robert Sarver, |

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|--------------|------------|--|---|--------|---|---------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| | | | | | | | | | trustee of the Eva Lauren Hilton Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,400 | | I | Robert Sarver, trustee of the Shari Rachel Hilton Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,000 ⁽²⁾ | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 14,000 ⁽³⁾ | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,000,000 | | I | See note. ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | 07/30/2009 | | S | 20,700 | D | \$ 21.9969 ⁽⁵⁾ | 453,300 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | Robert Sarver, Trustee of the Robert Sarver Trust |
| Common Stock | 07/30/2009 | | S | 12,300 | D | \$ 22.4345 ⁽⁷⁾ | 44,100 ⁽⁶⁾ | I | Robert Sarver, Trustee of the Robert Sarver Trust |

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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
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- This is a weighted average of the sale price. The actual sale price for these shares varied from \$22.4027 to \$22.50 per shares. Full
- (7) information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer.
 - (8) Adjusted for a 2:1 stock split in 2005.
 - (9) Stock option granted 5/13/2004; vesting in 2 equal annual installments on 5/13/2005 and 5/13/2006.
 - (10) Stock option granted 1/29/2007; vesting in 2 equal annual installments on 1/29/2008 and 1/29/2009.
 - (11) Stock option granted 12/11/2007; vesting in 2 equal annual installments on 12/11/2008 and 12/11/2009.

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