

DREHER MELANIE
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ^ DREHER MELANIE (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY (Street) FORT SMITH, AR 72919 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2004	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title Amount or Number of Shares	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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(Instr. 5)

PHANTOM STOCK UNITS ⁽¹⁾	08/05/2005	^ ⁽¹⁾	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	11,688	\$ ⁽¹⁾	D	^
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DREHER MELANIE ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919	^ X	^	^	^

Signatures

By: Mona Brannon, by Power of Attorney For: Melanie C
Dreher

01/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Annual Grant of Restricted Stock Units that vests one year from the date of grant, the value of which was 100% deferred by the director. The deferred amount will be paid in shares of Beverly stock upon retirement from the Board or, if earlier, upon his/her death or disability
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