Meritage Homes CORP Form 4 March 25, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BURKE RICHARD T**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2005

8501 E PRINCESS DRIVE, SUITE 290

> 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

Number:

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(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

or Exercise

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Execution Date, if Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
MTH Common Stock	\$ 58.62	03/23/2005		A		2,500		03/23/2006	03/22/2012	MTH Common Stock	2,500
MTH Common Stock	\$ 58.62	03/23/2005		A		2,500		03/23/2007	03/22/2012	MTH Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Fg - m	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BURKE RICHARD T 8501 E PRINCESS DRIVE SUITE 290 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	X						

Signatures

/s/ Richard T.
Burke

**Signature of Reporting Person

O3/25/2005

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).
- Option price and number of shares are shown after the effect of the Company's 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a stock dividend that occurred on January 7, 2005.

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