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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading AX PETER L Issuer Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify PHOENIX CAPITAL 06/01/2005 MANAGEMENT, LLC, 5685 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD, SUITE E-100 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85250 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **MTH COMMON** 06/01/2005 M 8,000 Α \$ 4.5 8,000 D

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 4.5	06/01/2005		M	4,000	09/13/2001	09/12/2007	MTH COMMON STOCK	4,00
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 4.5	06/01/2005		M	4,000	09/13/2002	09/12/2007	MTH COMMON STOCK	4,00

Reporting Owners

Relationships

AX PETER L PHOENIX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 5685 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD, SUITE E-100 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85250



Signatures

/s/ Peter L. Ax 06/02/2005

**Signature of Person

Date

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