

SARVER ROBERT GARY
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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)
PO BOX 675847

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/20/2006

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

RANCHO SANTE FE, CA 92067

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 09/20/2006 | | M | | 20,000 A \$ 1.41 | 440,000 (1) | D |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 09/20/2006 | | M | | 5,000 A \$ 19.3 | 445,000 (1) | D |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 09/20/2006 | | M | | 20,000 A \$ 7.22 | 465,000 (1) | D |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | 09/20/2006 | | M | | 5,000 A \$ 16 | 470,000 (1) | D |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 1.41 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 4,000 | 03/13/1998 | 12/31/2006 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 4,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 1.41 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 4,000 | 03/13/1999 | 12/31/2006 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 4,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 1.41 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 4,000 | 03/13/2000 | 12/31/2006 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 4,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 1.41 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 4,000 | 03/13/2001 | 12/31/2006 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 4,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 1.41 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 4,000 | 03/13/2002 | 12/31/2006 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 4,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 19.3 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 2,500 | 06/11/2003 | 06/11/2009 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 2,500 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 19.3 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 2,500 | 06/11/2004 | 06/11/2009 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 2,500 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 7.22 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 10,000 | 03/13/2002 | 03/13/2008 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 10,000 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 7.22 | 09/20/2006 | | M | 10,000 | 03/13/2003 | 03/13/2008 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 10,000 |

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|------------------------|-------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 16 | 09/20/2006 | M | 2,500 | 03/13/2004 | 03/13/2010 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 2,500 |
| MTH COMMON STOCK | \$ 16 | 09/20/2006 | M | 2,500 | 03/13/2005 | 03/13/2010 | MTH COMMON STOCK | 2,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SARVER ROBERT GARY PO BOX 675847 RANCHO SANTE FE, CA 92067 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert G.
Sarver

09/22/2006

**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) Mr. Sarver also owns 8,000 shares indirectly through his family members.

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