#### WHITE C TIMOTHY

Form 4 March 10, 2011

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and A WHITE C T	ddress of Repo	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner
17851 N. 85 300	TH STREE	Γ, SUITE	03/08/2011	X Officer (give title Other (specified below)  EVP - Gen. Counsel, Secretary
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
SCOTTSDA	ALE, AZ 852	255	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

#### SCU11SDALE, AZ 85255

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(,)	()	Table	I - Non-De	rivative Se	ecuriti	ies Acquii	rea, Disposea of,	or Beneficiali	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	sposed	of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	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)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
MTH			Code 1		` /				
MTH						\$	(4)		
COMMON	03/08/2011		M	30,000	A	15 08	70,626 (1)	D	
STOCK						13.90			

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 15.98	03/08/2011		M	6,257	12/11/2008	12/11/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	6,25
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 15.98	03/08/2011		M	6,257	12/11/2009	12/11/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	6,25
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 15.98	03/08/2011		M	6,257	12/11/2010	12/11/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	6,25
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 15.98	03/08/2011		M	3,743	12/11/2008	12/11/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,74
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 15.98	03/08/2011		M	3,743	12/11/2009	12/11/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,74
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 15.98	03/08/2011		M	3,743	12/11/2010	12/11/2014	MTH COMMON STOCK	3,74

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relati	onships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITE C TIMOTHY 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255			EVP - Gen. Counsel, Secretary	

# **Signatures**

Signatures	
/s/ C. Timothy White	03/10/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- \* 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) Balance includes all non-vested stock grants but does not include 42,500 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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