HILTON STEVEN J

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HILTON STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director

10% Owner

17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 (Month/Day/Year)

10/29/2007

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) **CEO**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sl
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 03/23/2006	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 03/23/2007	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 03/23/2008	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 03/23/2009	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 03/23/2010	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 06/02/2007	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 06/02/2008	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 06/02/2009	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 06/02/2010	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007		D	10,00	00 06/02/2011	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	10,

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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17851 NORTH 85TH STREET
SUITE 300
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Signatures

/s/ Steven J.
Hilton

**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) On October 29, 2007, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option repurchase program, options granted to the reporting person. In exchange for the option, the reporting person received \$1.50 for each share underlying the options.

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