Meritage Homes CORP Form 4 March 14, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

may continue.

See Instruction

| SARVER ROBERT GARY | | Symbol | ge Homes CORP [| Ü | Issuer (Charle all applicable) | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2008 | | | _X_ Director | (Check all applicable) ector 10% Owner cer (give title Other (specify below) | | |
| | (Street) | | | endment, Date Origina nth/Day/Year) | al | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | le I - Non-Derivative | Securities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficia | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) |) Executio any | med n Date, if Day/Year) | Transaction(A) or D | (A) or | 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) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 470,000 | I | Sarver, trustee of the Robert Sarver Trust (1) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 6,000 | I | Penny Sarver (wife) (1) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,000 | I | Penny Sarver, custodian | |

| | | | | | | | | FBO Max Sarver (minor son) (1) |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|------------------|---|---|
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,400 | I | Robert Sarver, trustee of the Eva Lauren Hilton Trust (1) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,400 <u>(2)</u> | I | Robert Sarver, trustee of the Shari Rachel Hilton Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 12,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 775,000 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 300 | A | \$ 13.88 | 775,300 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 2,800 | A | \$ 13.89 | 778,100 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 600 | A | \$ 13.9 | 778,700 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 1,400 | A | \$ 13.91 | 780,100 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 600 | A | \$ 13.92 | 780,700 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 1,300 | A | \$ 13.93 | 782,000 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 400 | A | \$ 13.94 | 782,400 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 4,000 | A | \$ 13.95 | 786,400 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 500 | A | \$ 13.96 | 786,900 | I | See note (3) |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 6,800 | A | \$ 13.97 | 793,700 | I | See note (3) |
| | 03/12/2008 | P | 2,000 | A | | 795,700 | I | See note (3) |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ 13.98 | | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|---------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 03/12/2008 | P | 4,300 | A | \$ 13.99 | 800,000 | I | See note |

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

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8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | | of Deri Secu Acq (A) Disp of (I (Inst | ivative urities uired or oosed | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 31.31 (4) | | | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 05/12/2011 | Common Stock | 10,000 (4) |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 58.62 | | | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | 03/22/2012 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 54.01 | | | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 06/01/2013 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 42.82 | | | | | | | (8) | 01/28/2014 | Common Stock | 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Relationships |
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SARVER ROBERT GARY

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Signatures

Robert G. 03/14/2008

**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 disclaims any beneficial or pecuniary ownership of these shares.
- (2) Restricted Stock granted 1/29/2007, vesting in 3 equal installments on 1/29/2008, 1/29/2009 and 1/29/2010.
 - These represent shares purchased by Southwest Value Partners Fund XIV, L.P. Mr. Sarver indirectly shares control over the voting,
- (3) purchase and disposition of these shares. He disclaims any direct pecuniary interest in such shares, and has only an indirect beneficial or pecuniary interest in them.
- (4) Adjusted for 2:1 stock split in 2005.
- (5) Stock option granted 5/13/2004, vesting in 2 equal installments on 5/13/2005 and 5/13/2006.
- (6) Stock option granted 3/23/2005, vesting in 2 equal installments on 3/23/2006 and 3/23/2007.
- (7) Stock option granted 6/02/2006, vesting in 2 equal installments on 6/02/2007 and 6/02/2008.
- (8) Stock option granted 1/29/2007, vesting in 2 equal installments on 1/29/2008 and 1/29/2009.

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