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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] **BRADFORD DANA** (Month/Day/Year) 08/12/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, (Check all applicable) SUITE 300 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner _X_ Director Officer _Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person SCOTTSDALE, AZÂ 85255 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) BY SOUTHWEST VALUE MTH COMMON STOCK 1,000,000 I PARTNERS FUND XIV, LP (1) BY FULCRUM HOMES, LLC MTH COMMON STOCK I 1,185,920 (2) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5.

(I) (Instr. 5)

Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRADFORD DANA ÂX Â Â 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZÂ 85255

Signatures

/s/ Dana C. **Bradford**

08/17/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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