Meritage Homes CORP Form 4 February 22, 2010

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

SECURITIES

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

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obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

COMMON

STOCK (1) (2)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BURKE RICHARD T**

(Middle)

(First)

17851 N 85TH ST, SUITE 300

(Street)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

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

02/18/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A)

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

MTH

02/18/2010

Α

6,000

Α \$0

32,000

D

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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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BURKE RICHARD T 17851 N 85TH ST SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	X							

Signatures

/s/ Richard T.
Burke

**Signature of Reporting Person

O2/22/2010

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) Balance includes all unvested restricted stock grants.
- (2) Balance represents the grant of restricted stock. The restricted stock will fully cliff vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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