

WHITE C TIMOTHY

Form 4

August 06, 2009

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WHITE C TIMOTHY**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**17851 NORTH 85TH  
STREET, SUITE 300**

(Street)

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]**

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

**08/05/2009**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP, Gen. Counsel, Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | 08/05/2009                              |                                                             | M                                    | 5,000                                                                      | A \$ 16 63,764                                                                                                     | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| MTH<br>COMMON<br>STOCK <sup>(1)</sup> | 08/05/2009                              |                                                             | S                                    | 5,000                                                                      | D \$ 21.9 58,764                                                                                                   | 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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                      | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                           | \$ 16                                                  | 08/05/2009                           |                                                    | M                              | 2,500                                                                          | 03/13/2004 03/13/2010                                    | MTH COMMON STOCK 2,500                                        |
| MTH COMMON STOCK                           | \$ 16                                                  | 08/05/2009                           |                                                    | M                              | 2,500                                                                          | 03/13/2005 03/13/2010                                    | MTH COMMON STOCK 2,500                                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                  | Relationships                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| WHITE C TIMOTHY<br>17851 NORTH 85TH STREET<br>SUITE 300<br>SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | EVP, Gen. Counsel, Secretary     |

## Signatures

/s/ C. Timothy  
White  
08/05/2009  
Date  
Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 non-vested stock grants but does not include 45,000 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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