

SEAY LARRY WAYNE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SEAY LARRY WAYNE

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
17851 N. 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)  
08/27/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP - CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
MTH Common Stock	08/27/2012	08/27/2012	M		30,054 A \$ 15.98	91,019	D
MTH Common Stock	08/27/2012	08/27/2012	S		30,054 D \$ 36.25	60,965	D
MTH Common Stock	08/27/2012	08/27/2012	M		29,428 A \$ 13.69	90,393	D
MTH Common	08/27/2012	08/27/2012	S		29,428 D \$ 36.25	60,965 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Stock

MTH

Common

Stock

35,000 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 Acquired (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
MTH Common Stock	\$ 15.98	08/27/2012		M		10,640	12/11/2008	12/11/2014	MTH Common Shares	10,640
MTH Common Stock	\$ 15.98	08/27/2012		M		10,640	12/11/2009	12/11/2014	MTH Common Shares	10,640
MTH Common Stock	\$ 15.98	08/27/2012		M		4,388	12/11/2010	12/11/2014	MTH Common Shares	4,388
MTH Common Stock	\$ 15.98	08/27/2012		M		4,386	12/11/2011	12/11/2014	MTH Common Shares	4,386
MTH Common Stock	\$ 13.69	08/27/2012		M		7,358	01/02/2009	01/02/2015	MTH Common Shares	7,358
MTH Common Stock	\$ 13.69	08/27/2012		M		7,357	01/02/2010	01/02/2015	MTH Common Shares	7,357
MTH Common Stock	\$ 13.69	08/27/2012		M		7,357	01/02/2011	01/02/2015	MTH Common Shares	7,357

MTH								MTH	
Common	\$ 13.69	08/27/2012		M	7,356	01/02/2012	01/02/2015	Common	7,356
Stock								Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SEAY LARRY WAYNE 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255			Executive VP - CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Larry W.  
Seay

08/27/2012

           \*\*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) Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted shares that have previously vested.
- (2) Balance represents restricted shares not vested but does not include 40,000 shares of restricted stock with vesting contingent upon the achievement of pre-specified performance targets.

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