Meritage Homes CORP Form 4 February 15, 2013

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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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sarver Robert Gary

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2013

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

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17851 N. 85TH STREET, SUITE

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-D | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or | | | | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| MTH Common Shares | 02/13/2013 | | A | 6,000 (1) | A | \$0 | 24,000 (2) | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | | | | | | | 190,359 (3) | I | See Note. |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amoun | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | Or Number | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Sarver Robert Gary 17851 N. 85TH STREET SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Hilla Sferruzza, attorney-in-fact for Robert G. 02/15/2013 Sarver

> **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) Represents grant of restricted shares. The shares will fully vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Balance represents restricted shares not vested.
 - Balance represents indirect ownership of shares held in trust (6,000 shares Penny Sarver wife; 2,000 shares Penny Sarver FBO Max Sarver - minor son; 8,170 shares Robert Sarver - trustee of Eva Lauren Hilton Trust; 8,170 shares Robert Sarver - trustee of Shari Rachel Hilton Trust; 166,019 shares Robert Sarver - trustee of Robert Sarver Trust). 3,770 shares each of the Eva Lauren Hilton Trust and Shari
- (3) Rachel Hilton Trust and 9,819 shares of the Robert Sarver Trust were previously reported as an indirect holding for Mr. Sarver through Southwest Value Partners Fund XIV, LP (SWVP). These shares represent the pro rata distribution of Meritage Homes Corporation stock from SWVP to its partners, of which Mr. Sarver indirectly shared control over the voting, purchase and disposition of the shares, but disclaimed pecuniary interest in the shares.

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