Meritage Homes CORP Form 4 October 31, 2007

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

17851 N 85TH ST, SUITE 300

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]

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

10/29/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

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

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255 (City) (State)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

or

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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)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security								
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007	D		2,500	03/23/2006	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,50
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MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007	D		2,500	06/02/2007	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,50
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007	D		2,500	06/02/2008	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,50

## **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 10/30/2007

\*\*Signature of Date 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).
- On October 29, 2007, the issuer cancelled, pursuant to the issuer's option repurchase program, options granted to the reporting person. In exchange for the option, the reporting person received \$1.50 for each share underlying the options.

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