#### DREHER MELANIE

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

DREHER MELANIE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

[BEV]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

09/01/2005

X\_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY

(Street)

(State)

WAY

(City)

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a) 5)	(D)	(Month/Day/Year	·)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (1)	(2)	09/01/2005		A		207.6754		09/01/2005(1)	<u>(1)</u>	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	20

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

DREHER MELANIE
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY
FORT SMITH, AR 72919

## **Signatures**

By: Mona Brannon, by Power of Attorney For: Melanie C.

Dreher

09/02/2005

\*\*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).
  - These units of phantom stock have been granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan and are credited to a
- (1) deferred share unit account each month, to be paid to the director, or, in the case of his/her death prior to retirement from the Board, his/her beneficiary(ies), in stock, upon his/her retirement from the Board, death or disability.
- (2) Each Deferred Share Unit has a value equal to one share of common stock of Beverly.

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