

OPPEL RAYMOND
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FORM 4

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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 *
OPPEL RAYMOND

(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)
10/29/2007

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007		D			2,500		03/23/2006	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,500
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 58.62	10/29/2007		D			2,500		03/23/2007	03/22/2012	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,500
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007		D			2,500		06/02/2007	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,500
MTH COMMON STOCK	\$ 54.01	10/29/2007		D			2,500		06/02/2007	06/01/2013	MTH COMMON STOCK	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OPPEL RAYMOND 17851 NORTH 85TH STREET, SUITE 300 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	X			

Signatures

/s/ Raymond
Oppel

10/30/2007

**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) 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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