

SKELLY RICHARD D JR
Form 4/A
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SKELLY RICHARD D JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC
[BEV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2005

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
12/27/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | | F | 8,691 (2) D \$ 11.77 | 63,850 | D | |
| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | | F | 5,668 (2) D \$ 11.77 | 58,182 | D | |
| \$.10 Par Value Common | 12/23/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | | F | 3,858 (2) D \$ 11.77 | 54,324 | D | |

Stock

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SKELLY RICHARD D JR
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY
FORT SMITH, AR 72919

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: Richard D. Skelly, Jr.

12/30/2005

__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).

(1) Amended Form 4 is to correct the amount of withholding/shares traded for taxes.

Shares withheld in payment of taxes associated with early vesting of restricted stock pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement by

(2) and among Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company"), Pearl Senior Care, Inc., PSC Sub, Inc. and Geary Property Holdings, LLC, as amended (the "Merger Agreement").

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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