

FLOYD WILLIAM R
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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 *
FLOYD WILLIAM R

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)
President and CEO

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY

(Street)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 | | F | | 136,455 (1) | D | \$ 11.77 667,517 D |
| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 | | F | | 81,878 (2) | D | \$ 11.77 585,639 D |
| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 | | F | | 93,341 (2) | D | \$ 11.77 492,298 D |

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Stock

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| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 | F | 45,350 (2) | D | \$ 11.77 | 446,948 | D |
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| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 | F | 19,009 (2) | D | \$ 11.77 | 427,939 | D |
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| \$.10 Par Value Common Stock | 12/23/2005 | A | 314,051 (3) | A | \$ 0 | 741,990 | D |
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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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FLOYD WILLIAM R ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919 | X | | President and CEO | |

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: William R.
Floyd

12/23/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares withheld in payment of taxes associated with issuance of shares in connection with early vesting of performance units pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, determined by dividing the reporting person's applicable withholding amount by \$11.77 (the closing market price of the Company's common stock on December 23, 2005, the date the shares were issued), with fractional shares being rounded up to the next whole number.

(2) Shares withheld in payment of taxes associated with early vesting of restricted stock pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement by and among Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company"), Pearl Senior Care, Inc., PSC Sub, Inc. and Geary Property Holdings, LLC, as amended (the "Merger Agreement").

(3) Represents shares issued pursuant to early vesting of performance-based stock units granted under the Beverly Enterprises, Inc. 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan, with an aggregate cash value at the time of grant of \$3,925,637.50 (the "Dollar Value"). Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement by and among Beverly Enterprises, Inc., Pearl Senior Care, Inc., PSC Sub, Inc. and Geary Property Holdings, LLC, as amended (the "Merger Agreement"), the number of shares issued was determined by dividing the Dollar Value by \$12.50, which is the per share purchase price in the Merger Agreement, with fractional shares being rounded up to the next whole number.

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