BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 4 April 05, 2005

FORM 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

FREIMARK JEFFREY P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					Issuer				
			BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]					(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify				
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY		(Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2005					below) EVP, CHIEF FINANCIAL AND					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
FORT SMITH, AR 72919			Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Secui	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	e) Execution any		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed and : (A) or	l of (D) 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)		
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock (1)	04/01/2005			Code V F	Amount 13,937	(D)	Price \$ 12.34	190,444	D			
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock								450	I	by Son		
\$.10 Par Value Common								3,000	I	by Trust 1Daughter		

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Stock

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\$.10 Par

Value 3,000 I by Trust Son

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ e	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene	
	Derivative				Securities	}		(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						_			or		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Number		
								C	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FREIMARK JEFFREY P ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919

EVP, CHIEF FINANCIAL AND

Signatures

By: Mona Brannon, by Power of Attorney For: Jeffrey P.

Freimark

04/05/2005

**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) Shares traded in payment of taxes associated with scheduled vesting of restricted shares.

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

Reporting Owners 2

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