#### BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 4

March 14, 2005

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* FREIMARK JEFFREY P

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

[BEV]

(Check all applicable)

EVP, CHIEF FINANCIAL AND

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2005

\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below)

Director

10% Owner \_ Other (specify

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY

WAY

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock (1)	03/10/2005		Code V	Amount 38,275	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 204,381	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

\$.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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	;		Amount Underlyi Securitie	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
					of (D) (Instr. 3,						(Instr
					4, and 5)						
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of 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

03/14/2005

\*\*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) Restricted Stock issued and cliff vests three years from the date of grant.

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