BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HOWE JOHN P MD**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

(Check all applicable)

[BEV]

(Middle)

X_ Director 10% Owner

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2005

Officer (give title Other (specify

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY

WAY

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (1)	(2)	03/01/2005		A		395.1888		03/01/2005(1)	<u>(1)</u>	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	39:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOWE JOHN P MD
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY X

Signatures

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

By: Mona Brannon, by Power of Attorney For: John P Howe, MD 03/02/2005

**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).
 - These units of phantom stock have been granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan and are credited to a
- (1) deferred share unit account each month, to be paid to the director, or, in the case of his/her death prior to retirement from the Board, his/her beneficiary(ies), in stock, upon his/her retirement from the Board, death or disability.
- (2) Each Deferred Share Unit has a value equal to one share of common stock of Beverly.

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