### DANIELS PAMELA H

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DANIELS PAMELA H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) ONE THOUSAWAY	ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2005	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior VP and Controller			
FORT SMITH	(Street) , AR 72919		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 Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative (	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		Code V	Amount 7,160 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 11.77	(Instr. 3 and 4) 96,433	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		F	3,857 (2)	D	\$ 11.77	92,576	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common	12/23/2005		F	5,570 (2)	D	\$ 11.77	87,006	D	

Stock								
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005	F	8,690 (2)	D	\$ 11.77	78,316	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005	A	16,480 (3)	D	\$ 0	94,796	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005 <u>(4)</u>	J	37,477 (4)	D	<u>(4)</u>	57,319	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005 <u>(4)</u>	J	250 (4)	D	<u>(4)</u>	0	I	By Spouse (4)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
	·				(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
							Date	Title N	Number	
									of	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Senior VP and Controller

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DANIELS PAMELA H ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH. AR 72919

# **Signatures**

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: Pamela H. Daniels

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- 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.
- 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").

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 \$206,000.00 (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.
- The reporting person transferred a total of 37,727 shares of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. common stock to her ex-husband pursuant to a domestic relationship order.

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