

BABB DOUGLAS J

Form 4

December 27, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BABB DOUGLAS J

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)
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY
WAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP Chief Admin/Legal Officer

(Street)

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

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	(A) or (D)	Price		
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		F		29,036 (1)	D	\$ 11.77	176,025	D
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		F		15,685 (2)	D	\$ 11.77	160,340	D
\$.10 Par Value Common	12/23/2005		F		22,524 (2)	D	\$ 11.77	137,816	D

Stock

\$.10 Par

Value

Common

12/23/2005

F

18,103
(2)

D

\$
11.77

119,713

D

Stock

\$.10 Par

Value

Common

12/23/2005

A

66,828
(3)

A

\$ 0

186,541

D

Stock

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 Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director

10% Owner

Officer

Other

BABB DOUGLAS J

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

EVP Chief Admin/Legal Officer

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: Douglas J. Babb

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).
- (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 \$835,350.00 (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.

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