SABEL IVAN R Form 4 July 05, 2005

FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

SABEL IVAN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

[BEV]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2005

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

below)

Issuer

X_ Director

Officer (give title

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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

(City)

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

10% Owner

Other (specify

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Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (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.

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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) A D	Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and	(D)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS (1)	<u>(2)</u>	07/01/2005		A	4	444.4706		07/01/2005(1)	<u>(1)</u>	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	44

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

SABEL IVAN R ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY X FORT SMITH, AR 72919

Signatures

By: Mona Brannon, by Power of Attorney For: Ivan R. 07/05/2005 Sabel

> **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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