

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GRIFFITH JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY
(Street)

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SR VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	03/14/2006		D ⁽¹⁾		174,806	D	\$ 12.5 0
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock - ESPP	03/14/2006		D ⁽¹⁾		7,829.7159	D	\$ 12.5 0
Common Stock	03/14/2006		A ⁽²⁾		9,520	A	\$ 0 9,520

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Common Stock	03/14/2006	D ⁽³⁾	4,371	D	\$ 12.5	5,149	D
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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.95	03/14/2006		D	22,719	<u>(4)</u> 02/13/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	22,719
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35	03/14/2006		D	35,272	<u>(4)</u> 02/20/2011	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	35,272
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.25	03/14/2006		D	43,300	<u>(4)</u> 02/16/2010	Common Stock	43,300
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.95	03/14/2006		D	47,281	<u>(4)</u> 02/13/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	47,281
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35	03/14/2006		D	8,028	<u>(4)</u> 02/20/2011	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	8,028

