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FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- Check this box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
 Form 3 Holdings Reported
 Form 4 Transactions Reported

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Koch, Charles Joseph

(Last) (First) (Middle)

741 Emerald Harbor Drive

(Street)

Longboat Key, Florida 34228

(City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

The Boston Beer Company, Inc. (SAM)

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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

December 1999

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

- Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
(Check Applicable Line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	or Price	(A) (D)			
Class A Common Stock					2,000	D	Note 1	
Class A Common Stock	12/27/99	G	281,718			I	Note 2	

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. Conver- sion of Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	(D)	Date	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	18.5625					Currently	5/20/06	Class A Common	2,500	18.5625	2,500	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	9.5000					Currently	6/02/07	Class A Common	2,500	9.5000	2,500	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11.09375					Currently	6/01/08	Class A Common	2,500	11.09375	2,500	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	8.1250	6/1/99	A	2,500		Currently	6/01/09	Class A Common	2,500	8.1250	2,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:
Note 1: Shares are owned directly by spouse.

Note 2: Shares beneficially owned by Charles James Koch, Trustee under a certain Trust established under the Irrevocable Trust Agreement dated September 28, 1990 by Charles Joseph Koch, Jr., as Grantor, which were gifted to Mr. Koch's children and grandchildren.

/s/ Charles Joseph Koch

April 6, 2000

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
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