FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* URICH WILLIAM F (Last) (First) (Middle) 427 SOUTH STREET (Street) NEEDHAM,MA X1 02492 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director / 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) / Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 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 (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			

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 24.95	01/01/2006		A		10,000		(1)	(1)	Class A Common	10,000	$ 24.95	10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reporting Person's right to exercise this option is contingent upon the Company's 2006 performance against a benchmark, which performance will be determined by the Company's Board of Directors on or before March 1, 2007. If the Company does not meet the benchmark, the Option shall lapse as to 50% or all of the shares, based on the Board's determination. If the benchmark is met or exceeded, the option may become exercisable as to a maximum of 2,000 shares on each of March 1, 2007 and January 1 in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, so long as the Reporting Person continues to be employed by the Company on the applilcable vesting date.

William F. Urich — 01/03/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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