FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* URICH WILLIAM F (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850 | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2011 | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give Other (specify title below) below) Chief Financial Officer | | | | |
| (Street) BOSTON MA 02210 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Secur Dispose (Instr. 3 | d of | ` ' | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Class A Common | 12/02/2011 | | М | | 2,000 | Α | \$ 15.835 | 3,554 | D | | |
| Class A Common | 12/02/2011 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$ 101.827 (1) (2) | 1,554 | D | | |

| 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | | Number a | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ite Amount of | | 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) | \$ 15.835 | 12/02/2011 | | М | | | 2,000 | 09/08/2008 | 09/08/2013 | Class A Common | 125,000 | \$ 15.835 | 73,543 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,000 shares is from \$101.52 to \$102.34.
- 2. The filer will provide, upon request from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Registrant or a shareholder of the Registrant, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

William F. Urich

** Signature of Reporting

Date

Person

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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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