#### 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* KOCH C JAMES |  |  | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1   |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/17/2010       | (Check all applicable)  X Director X 10% Owner  X Officer (give Other (specify title below) below)  Chairman  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)          | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check<br>Applicable Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |  |  |  |  |

|                                      | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |                                     |   |        |                  |                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|--------|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                       | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   |        | sed              | ` '              | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned            | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |  |  |
|                                      |  |   | Code                                | V | Amount | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price            | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and<br>4) | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4)       | (Instr. 4)                                 |  |  |
| Class A<br>Common                    | 09/17/2010   |   | S                                   |   | 2,000  | D                | \$ 68.46 (1) (2) | 360,867  | D                                      |  |  |  |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |   |                                    |   |   |     |  |                    |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8 |   | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable<br>and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | rcisable 7. Title and on Date Amount of |  | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |   | Code                               | V | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |  |  |  |

### **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 1,900 shares is from \$67.83 to \$68.79 and the range for 100 shares is \$68.88.
- 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.

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of C.

09/17/2010

James Koch

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting

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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