FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     WHITE JEFFREY D				BOS	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]									lationship ck all appl Direct	,	ng Pe	rson(s) to Is		
(Last)	(F	irst) (	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  01/01/2004  X  Officer (give title below)  Other (speci below)											specify		
C/O BOSTON BEER COMPANY															C	Chief Operating Officer		Officer	
75 ARLINGTON STREET					4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)											X Form filed by One Reporting Person								
BOSTON, MA X1 02116														Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate) (	Zip)																
		Tab	le I - No	on-Deriv	ative S	Sec	urities	Ac	quired, D	isp	osed o	of, or Be	enefic	cially	y Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day)						Execution Date,			Transaction Disposi Code (Instr. and 5)		rities Acqı ed Of (D) (			5. Amo Securit Benefic Owned	ties Fo cially (D)		n: Direct or rect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amoun	t (A)	or Pr	ice				r. 4)	(Instr. 4)
	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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		5 (1	. Price If Perivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration te	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.465	01/01/2004			A		13,500		(1)	12/	/31/2013	Class A Common	13,50	00	\$18.465	13,500		D	

## Explanation of Responses:

 $1.\ Of\ these\ 13{,}500\ options\ shares,\ 2{,}700\ will\ vest\ on\ 1/1/05,\ 1/1/06,\ 1/1/07,\ 1/1/08\ and\ 1/1/09$ 

## Remarks:

Jeffrey D. White

01/02/2004

\*\* 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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