FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [®] KAUTZ JAMES C					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2004											cer (give title			(specify
251 OAK RIDGE AVENUE					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)													X	X Form filed by One Reporting Person				son	
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(City)	(St	ate) (Z	Zip)																
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
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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)	ivative Conversion Date Execution Date, urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			, 1 (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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		of De Se (In	Price rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Kathleen H. Wade under

Power of Attorney for James C. 10/22/2004 <u>Kautz</u>

** 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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